

Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Unity High School Band Room

November 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

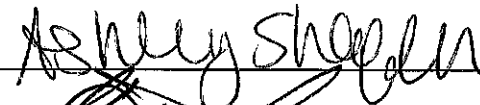


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1. Call To Order - Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)
 - 3.1 Special Recognition
 - 3.2 Visitors
 - 3.3 Correspondence

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4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1 Approve October 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2 Approve Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 - 4.3 Approve Bills Payable
 - 4.4 Approve Fund Balances
 - 4.5 Approve End of Month Report for Previous Month
 5. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Principal Reports
 - 5.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)
 - 5.3 Special Education Coordinator
 - 5.4 Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Director
 - 5.5 Superintendent Report
 - 5.6 Committee reports
 6. Action Items
 - 6.1 Approve any matter discussed in Executive Session as necessary, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in Executive Session by motion of the Board and/or Personnel List
 - 6.2 Consider and take action on the Tax Levy (2023) Proposal
 - 6.3 Consider and take action on press policies first reading
 - 6.4 Consider and take action on allowing the multi-passenger recreational vehicle to be used by the wrestling pilot program
 - 6.5 Consider and take action on bidding door replacements to enhance safety
 7. Information Items
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 8. Adjournment
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 - 8.2 Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in the Unity High School Band Room at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on November 15, 2023**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday November 15, 2023, in the Unity High School Band Room. The meeting was called to order by President Shaffer at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Fleer, Garmer, McClelland and Shaffer. Administrators Arnsman, Klusmeyer and Sheffler were present. Superintendent Riddle was present. No visitors were present.

MOTION: Garmer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Shaffer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Garmer “to approve of the Consent Agenda items.” SECOND: Shaffer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Consent Agenda
MOTION: Fleer “to approve personnel list.” SECOND: McClelland ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Approve personnel list
MOTION: Fleer “to approve Tax Levy 2023 proposal – Option 3, but raise tort to \$109 for a total rate of \$4.43.” SECOND: McClelland ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Approve Tax Levy 2023 proposal
First reading of press policies – no action required	
MOTION: McClelland “to approve allowing white bus to be used for wrestling if available, as a pilot program.” SECOND: Garmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Approve use of white bus
Obtaining bids on door replacements – no motion, just directive	
MOTION: Shaffer “to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.” SECOND: McClelland ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Shaffer, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Adjourn
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President  Secretary 	 December 20, 2023

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1. Call To Order - Pledge of Allegiance

BOE members Fleer - Garmer - McClelland - Shaffer
Supt. Riddle Admins Arnsman-Sheffler Bus. Mngr. Whelan
C.A.T. Coordinator - Klusmeyer

2. Approval of Agenda Motion: Garmer 2nd: Shaffer Vote: 4-0 approved

3. Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)

3.1 Special Recognition

3.1.1 To recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout the state, November 15 of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois. Thank you to our School Board members for all their work and their "vision" that is leading our district in Building Excellence.

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5. Administrative and Committee Reports

5.1 Principal Reports

Mr. Arnsman shared the first run of the open campus reward went very well. All students who were eligible were able to get their lunch and get back on time. The next one will be Nov. 29th and will feature BBQ Bros food truck here at the west end of the HS parking lot. It will be open to the public as well. We had 75 veterans attend the Veterans Day assembly. It was very well received again this year. Thank you to Mrs. Kathy Hoener for organizing the assembly. Mr. Arnsman and a group of students attended a Teacher Day at Western University to help promote the education profession. The students seemed to have appreciated the trip. The Student Council continues to promote a positive student culture with their

different activities. They are working now on sprucing up the restrooms to give them a better feel and less sterile environment.

Mrs. Sheffler let the board know that the playground project has made more headway. The holes have been set for the placement of the equipment and it is hoped that they will be placed in the next couple of weeks. We received the PreK grant back and have had to make adjustments to the submission. This is typical for most if not all state grants. December 11th we will have a Christmas program in the HS gym. Times will be announced closer to the event.

5.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)

The district is doing well fiscally and we have received almost all of our tax revenue.

5.3 Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Director

Mrs. Sheffler and Mr. Klusmeyer reviewed the assessment data from the 2022 state tests. They also went over the School Report Card data. All three schools (HS-MS-Elem) received commendable ratings.

5.4 Superintendent Report

The Friends of Unit 4 will be installing the new HS scoreboard this weekend.

Insurance will cover the repair to the MS gym floor. I have gotten confirmation from Gallagher.

We are starting our book club reading the Happiness Advantage right after Thanksgiving break. We have 17 staff that will be part of this professional development activity.

We had Adams Fiber come in and go through the district intercom system and we are moving forward with replacing the old intercoms, upgrading them and putting in some where we had dead spots.

We are having the boiler drain repaired after we had it video snaked and found obstructions preventing the proper drainage.

Concession stand sink will be installed Dec 21 & 22.

The playground equipment has been partially assembled and the holes now dug for the installation of the pieces and it is hoped to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

We completed our mini compliance with the ROE and did well with only a couple of minor issues which are being corrected.

The key areas of focus in the upcoming legislative session will likely revolve around legislation that increases support personnel minimum salary, early childhood education, and tier 2 pension reform.

5.5 Committee reports

6. Action Items

6.1 Approve any matter discussed in Executive Session as necessary, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in Executive Session by motion of the Board and/or

Personnel List Motion: Fleer 2nd: McClelland Vote: 4-0 approved

Hire: Sueann Winters - custodian and Alex French - HS Scholastic Bowl

Resignations: Tyler McAllister - MS Baseball Coach and Vince Parker - custodian

6.2 Consider and take action on the Tax Levy (2023) Proposal

Motion: Fleer 2nd: McClelland Vote: 4-0 approved

Following a \$0.06 decrease last year the board approved another \$0.12 reduction this year setting the rate at \$4.43.

6.3 Consider and take action on press policies first reading

No action was taken beyond reviewing the press policies from Issue 112.

6.4 Consider and take action on allowing the multi-passenger recreational vehicle to be used by the wrestling pilot program

Motion: McClelland 2nd: Garmer Vote: 4-0 approved

The board passed a motion to allow CUSD4 students to participate in the wrestling coop with Payson. The motion included those wanting to participate must provide their own transportation and pay for their uniform. A request was made to use the white extracurricular bus if available.

The board approved the use of the white bus when available as part of the pilot program.

6.5 Consider and take action on bidding door replacements to enhance safety

The Building and Grounds committee has met a couple of times this year and part of the discussions we have had was on improving our school security by upgrading exterior doors as well as some interior doors like the entrance to the HS gymnasium. The board directed Supt. Riddle to secure bids for moving forward with the replacing of the doors.

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