

Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Unity High School Library

November 18, 2015

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**
 1. Amend Minutes of September 23, 2015
 2. October 21, 2015

CLOSED SESSION* *The Board will re-enter open session upon concluding closed session discussions or at 6:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.*

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - visitors and comments**
 1. Special Recognition
 2. Visitors
 3. Correspondence
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 1. Approval of Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 2. Interfund Loans
 3. Fund Status
 4. FY17 Budget Discussion Following Input from Community Night
 5. 2015 Estimated Annual Aggregate Tax Levy
 6. Set Truth in Taxation Hearing
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Consider Additional Portion of Drainage Project
 2. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. Follow Up on Community Night
 - i. General Thoughts / Comments
 - ii. JWCC Partnership
 - iii. Extracurricular Dead Days
 - iv. 2017-18 Football Cooperative Agreement
 2. Playground Relocation Project
 3. Interest Free Student Loan Account
 4. Principal Reports
 5. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Special meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Greenfield Elementary.

Regular meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the UHS Library.

**A closed session may be held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.*

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on November 18, 2015**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Principals Klusmeyer and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Eleven visitors were present.

MOTION: Connoyer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Farmer “to approve minutes of October 21, 2015 regular meeting as read and minutes of September 23, 2015 as amended.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	October 21, 2015 Minutes and September 23, 2015 Minutes
MOTION: Fler “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Farmer “to return to open session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve minutes of closed session November 18, 2015.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Fler “to approve bills and activity fund reports as presented.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Fund Reports
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to accept the levy that the Superintendent has proposed.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Nay – Arnsman. Motion carried.	Tax Levy
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve time change 6:30 p.m. for December 16, 2015 regular Board meeting.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	December 16, 2015 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
MOTION: Duke “to approve doing the additional portion of the drainage project at a copy of \$2,780.00.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duke, and Miller. Nay – Duesterhaus, Farmer, and Fler. Motion carried.	Drainage Project

MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Dakota Neisen as Unity High School Girls Track Coach.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Dakota Neisen UHS Girls Track Coach
MOTION: Duke “to approve Alese Speckhart as Unity Middle School 8 th Grade Volleyball Coach.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Alese Speckhart UMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
MOTION: Fleer “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Connoyer “to return to open session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve closed session minutes of November 18, 2015.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duke “to adjourn to Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Adjourn
President _____ Secretary _____	December 16, 2015

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Board of Education Report

November 18, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 11

Financial Items

- Approved past meeting minutes.
- Approved paying of bills and activity funds.
- Discussed FY16 and FY17 budgets, specifically the implications property tax caps and pension cost shift would have on the district. Recognized the unfortunate timing of needing to make decisions about the property tax levy without a current budget agreement, or any knowledge of the implications of an agreement. The board agreed the solution must contain additional budget reductions as well as tax increases.
- Superintendent Kurz proposed a tentative tax levy that will result in a 23% increase in the tax rate. Combined with approximately \$200,000 in reduced spending, this increase would balance the budget for FY17 and accommodate the pension cost shift. The Board will set the levy in December.

Action Items

- Approved final aspect of drainage project for \$2,780. This project was funded by a dollar-for-dollar Maintenance Grant.
- Approved Dakota Neisen as UHS Girls Track Coach.
- Approved Alese Speckhart as UMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.

Information Items

- Discussed feedback from Community Night. 120 community members attended and shared their thoughts on John Wood Community College Partnerships, district finances, and extracurricular activities. The Board reviewed feedback provided and will continue to discuss those topics.
- Board expressed appreciation to the individuals from the Friends of Unit 4 who have assisted in repairing the boys locker room. They have also removed the playground from Greenfield and will help install it at Unity Middle School.

Next Meeting

- Next Special Board Meeting will be 10:00 a.m. on December 5th at Greenfield Elementary School for the purpose of auctioning off the school and its contents.
- Next Regular Board Meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on December 16th in the Unity High School Library.