

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
November 19, 2014
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. October 15, 2014

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
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 1. Approval of Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 2. Interfund Loans
 3. Fund Status
 4. Proposed 2014 Tax Levy
 5. Set Truth in Taxation Hearing
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Personnel
 2. Board Policy Second Reading & Approval
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. 2015 School Board Election
 2. Board Goals Review
 3. Board Committees
 4. Building Transition Planning
 5. Principal Report
 6. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meetings:

Regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School 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 19, 2014**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Principals Dorethy, Klusmeyer, Fessler, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Three visitors were present.

MOTION: Connoyer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Farmer “to approve minutes of October 15, 2014 regular meeting as presented.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Minutes
MOTION: Flear “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to return to open session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Flear “to approve minutes of closed session November 19, 2014.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve bills and activity funds reports as presented.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Funds Reports
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve an Interfund Loan of \$60,000 from Working Cash to Transportation.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Interfund Loan
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve the setting of the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December Board meeting.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Truth in Taxation Hearing
MOTION: Duke “to approve Board Policy revisions.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Board Policy Revisions

<p>MOTION: Fleer “to adjourn to Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.”</p> <p>SECOND: Farmer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsmann, Connoyer, Dueterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>President _____</p> <p>Secretary _____</p>	<p>December 17, 2014</p>

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

November 19, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 2

Financial Items

- Approved bills and activity fund reports.
- Approved interfund loan of \$60,000 from Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund.
- Reviewed proposed 2014 Tax Levy. Board expressed the desire to keep the tax rate level. The estimated EAV increased approximately 6%. The bond levy will remain level. This would create an aggregate proposed levy of \$2,387,879. This is a 9% increase over the 2013 aggregate levy. However, the tax rate is estimated to remain the same at 4.59%.
- Set Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the Unity High School Library.

Informational Items

- Reviewed timeline for School Board elections. The window is open for people to pick up petitions. Five Board members have terms expire. This year the process has changed and those interested in running should contact the Adams County Clerk's office. Filings must be made with the Adams County Clerk between 12/15/2014 and 12/22/2014.
- Heard Barb Holthaus from John Wood Community College share the development of a special scholarship fund created for Unity High School students through the John Wood Community College Foundation. The scholarship would cover some costs for UHS students concurrently enrolled in a JWCC course starting in the fall of 2015. The Board also learned about ongoing discussions between UHS and JWCC to continually increase opportunities for students.
- Recognized the Unit Four Foundation for hosting a fantastic event in the 2014 Celebration of Success featuring Josh Rabe and honoring Unit 4 athletic programs. The bi-annual event has become one of the most special evenings for everyone at Unit 4.

Action Items

- Approved Board policy revisions.

Next Meeting

- Next regular board meeting will be 6:00pm on December 17th in the Unity High School Library.