

Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
September 23, 2015
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Past Meeting Minutes
 - i. August 19, 2015

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

FY16 BUDGET HEARING *This is an open hearing to allow information provided and receive feedback and comments on the budget for the 2016 Fiscal Year.*

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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. Approval of FY16 Budget
 6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. HS Locker Room
 2. Sale of Greenfield
 3. Essential Workplace Skills
 4. Personnel
 7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. Student Learning Update
 2. Update on Maintenance Projects
 3. Board Committees
 4. Extra Curricular Dead Days
 5. Principal Reports
 6. Superintendent Report
 - i. Delayed Start Schedule
 - ii. Senior Trip Discussion
 - iii. Community Night
 - iv. 10/22 IASB Meeting
 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Regular meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st 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 September 23, 2015**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Duesterhaus at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Principals Dorethy and Klusmeyer were present. Superintendent Kurz was present.

MOTION: Farmer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Duke “to approve minutes of August 19, 2015 regular meeting as read.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	August 19, 2015 Minutes
MOTION: Connoyer “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Fleer “to return to open session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve minutes of closed session September 23, 2015.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
2015-2016 Public Hearing on District Budget	
MOTION: Farmer “to approve Brad Voth resignation as Unity Middle School head baseball coach.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Voth Resignation – UMS Head Baseball Coach
MOTION: Duke “to approve bills and activity fund reports as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Fund Reports
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve supporting workforce development in Adams County endorsing Essential Workplace Skills.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Essential Workplace Skills
MOTION: Fleer “to approve Draft Budget B FY16.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Draft Budget B FY16

<p>MOTION: Miller “to approve fixing the boys locker room shower and asking for support from other groups.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duke, and Miller. Nay – Duesterhaus, Farmer, and Fler. Motion defeated.</p>	<p>Boys Locker Room</p>
<p>MOTION: Fler “to approve selling Greenfield Elementary School at public auction with a reserve to be set at a later date.”</p> <p>SECOND: Duke</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Selling Greenfield Elementary School</p>
<p>MOTION: Connoyer “to approve fixing the shower in the boys locker room if we can secure half the \$9500 through donations.”</p> <p>SECOND: Miller</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Boys Locker Room</p>
<p>MOTION: Connoyer “to adjourn to Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.”</p> <p>SECOND: Miller</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>President _____</p> <p>Secretary _____</p>	<p>October 21, 2015</p>

Community Unit School District #4

Board of Education Report

September 23, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 6

Financial Items

- Approved past meeting minutes.
- Approved paying of bills and activity funds.
- Approved a deficit budget for FY16 with total revenue of \$6,349,393 and total expenditures of \$6,646,233. The FY16 budget reflects a decrease in spending from last year by \$308,885. Those decreases came primarily due to the closing of Greenfield Elementary and the reduction of personnel from that action. The projected deficit for FY16 of \$296,840 would have resulted in a balanced budget if the State of Illinois would provide the district with the full General State Aid entitlement.

Action Items

- Approved resignation of Brad Voth as middle school head baseball coach.
- Approved supporting workforce development in Adams County by endorsing Essential Workplace Skills.
- Approved fixing the shower in boys locker room.

Information Items

- Discussed options for sale of Greenfield. Board will sell the school through a public auction in November. An official resolution of the sale will be approved and a date will be set at the October board meeting.
- Discussed and affirmed their desire for a 2-hour delay to be an option for severe weather situations.
- Discussed the potential for setting aside some times where no student activities would take place at school. Under consideration are certain “dead weeks” in the summer, no Sunday activities, or other possible scenarios. The board indicated they would like to receive feedback from staff, coaches, and the community. This will also be addressed at the Community Night in November.
- Discussed upcoming Community Night which will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on November 16th in the High School Gym. John Wood Community College will also have representatives to participate in the event gathering feedback on how they can improve services provided to members of the district. In addition to the partnership with JWCC, topics will include considering the addition of Southeastern to the current high school football cooperative, potential “dead times” for students, current district finances, and student learning.
- Reviewed beginning of the year district reading assessment. The results set a baseline to measure growth throughout the school year. They also help the district determine instruction, interventions, and ways to support student learning. This is the first reporting of a district-focused reading assessment to measure the growth of individual students. Results indicate that approximately 80% of students are reading at or above grade level in upper elementary grades. However the vast majority of students are entering the primary grades below grade level, but evidence shows substantial gains are made each school year. Additional data will be compiled as the year goes on, but the initial results indicate teachers and students are making great gains in improving reading throughout elementary and middle school grades.
- Discussed the release of statewide PARCC results. The data is incomplete and has led to many questions and concerns about the usefulness of the data. No individual, school, or district data is available currently.
- Recognized the upcoming Friends of Unit 4 Fall Festival which will be held this weekend. It should be a great opportunity for the community to be together in support of Unity.

Next Meeting

- Next Regular Board Meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on October 21st in the Unity High School Library.