

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
September 24, 2014
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. August 20, 2014
 - ii. September 10, 2014

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

FY 15 Budget Hearing: 6:30pm at Unity High School Library

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. Adoption of FY15 Budget
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Senior Class Trip
 2. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. Review Feedback from Community Night
 2. 2015 School Board Elections
 3. Free & Reduced Lunch Numbers
 4. Digital Citizenship Education
 5. Board Committees
 6. Principal Report
 7. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meetings:

Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 15th 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 24, 2014**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, September 24, 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, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Principals Dorethy, Klusmeyer, Fessler, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Two visitors were present.

MOTION: Farmer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve minutes of August 20, 2014 regular meeting and September 10, 2014 special meeting as presented.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to return to open session.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Farmer “to approve minutes of closed session September 24, 2014.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Flear “to approve bills and activity funds reports as presented.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Funds Reports
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve resignation of Brad Voth as High School Boys Assistant Baseball Coach.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Voth Resignation – HS Boys Assistant Baseball Coach
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Kelly Johnson as Girls Middle School Track Coach.” SECOND: Flear ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	K. Johnson – Girls MS Track Coach
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Holly Fuhrman as moving to full time aid with benefits at Mendon Elementary.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Fuhrman – Full Time Aid at Mendon Elementary

MOTION: Farmer “to approve the adoption of FY15 budget as presented.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	FY15 Budget
MOTION: Arnsman “to adjourn to Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.” SECOND: Miller ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Adjourn
President _____ Secretary _____	October 15, 2014

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

September 24, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 2

Public Participation/Recognitions

- Recognized Kayla Gronewold as Unity High School Student of the Month.

Financial Items

- Held Budget Hearing. There was no public comment.
 - Adopted budget calls for \$6,414,388 in revenue and \$7,054,231 in expenditures. This results in a \$639,843 deficit. The projected ending balance for the budget in all funds is \$1,483,799.
 - The primary cause of the deficit is continual cuts in state funding. This year the district is estimating the state will only provide about 89% of General State Aid. This would result in a loss of about \$300,000 in revenue.
- Approved bills and activity fund reports.
- Adopted the FY15 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing.

Informational Items

- Reviewed feedback from Community Night held on 9/10/14. Community members were overwhelmingly positive in their response to the structure of the event and ask that it be something the Board continues to do. Superintendent Kurz will begin posting information on the district website (www.cusd4.com) in response to some of the questions that were asked during the event. At the end of the evening, participants were asked to recommend a course of action to the Board. 87% of responses suggested closing Greenfield as at least part of the solution.
- 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.
- Reviewed the increase in numbers of students qualifying for free lunches. The number of students who are qualified for free lunches according to the State of Illinois has increased significantly. This is a result of more children receiving Medicaid. The law requires that these students receive waivers of school fees.
- Discussed future plans to educate staff and community on issues related to digital citizenship. Administrators will work with local community members to plan some additional learning opportunities for students, parents, and community.

Action Items

- Approved Kelly Johnson as UMS Girls Track Coach.
- Accepted resignation of Brad Voth as UHS Assistant Baseball Coach.

Next Meeting

- Next regular board meeting will be 6:00pm on October 15th in the Unity High School Library.