

**JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, UNION GROVE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

Call to Order

President Linton Skewes called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call & Quorum

Board members present were Linton Skewes, Debbie Rueber, Julie Ostrowski, and Randy Sorenson. Administrator Brenda Stevenson, Principal Tom Johnson, and Financial Manager Debbie Reesman were also in attendance. Guests included John Ashley (WASB), Chris McBryde, Rachel Loppnow and Patti Mork.

Minutes

The school board minutes of November 19, 2012 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Rueber, second by Ostrowski. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The November 2012 treasurer's report was reviewed. Cash on hand - \$1,054,703.22, receipts total \$25,504.11, disbursements total \$547,831.29 and the end balance total is \$532,376.04. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Sorenson, second by Rueber. Motion passed.

Vouchers Payable

Vouchers Payable – A motion was made by Sorenson, second by Ostrowski to approve vouchers payable in the amount of \$843,782.16. Motion passed.

PTO Report

Mr. Johnson informed the board that the PTO had purchased smart response units (clickers) for the smart boards and that a parent had donated 10,000 Campbell's Labels for Education.

Public Comments

Mr. John Ashley from WASB presented board President Linton Skewes with a Level 5 plaque commemorating 21 years of service on the school board. Mrs. Stevenson noted the local company Normant Americas donated gifts for the giving tree. Debbie Rueber inquired about communication following the Newtown school tragedy. Mrs. Stevenson said the UGES Crisis Team will be meeting the next day, staff would be reviewing the crisis procedures and that a lockdown drill is scheduled for January.

Old Business

Waiver Update – Mrs. Stevenson informed the board she is gathering information for the waiver and will be submitting her request to DPI in January.

Election Update – Both incumbent candidates have submitted reelection paperwork.

New Business

Staff Updates – Mrs. Stevenson discussed the likelihood of the necessity of one of the second grade teachers moving to another grade level for the 2013-2014 school year.

Building Update – Mrs. Stevenson mentioned that wireless Internet is being installed in the building. Debbie Rueber inquired about facility usage for the Village of Union Grove Recreation Department.

Technology Update –Chris McBryde is working with Skyward to import student and testing data.

Food Service Update – Per Mrs. Stevenson breakfast counts are up at 94 per month. Lunch counts are down slightly at 493.

Health Aide Report– The health room report stated there were 264 health room visits from Dec. 1-14 and two rescue squad visits. The health aide will be conducting vision screenings this month.

Policy Updates – Mr. Johnson discussed first grade entrance exceptions and questioned whether the entrance requirements should be similar to those for kindergarten which state a definite age requirement for admission with no exceptions.

UGES Highlights – Mr. Johnson discussed lockdown drill procedures.

Administrative Report

Mr. Johnson shared information with the board regarding the Student Council door decorating contest, BOB practices beginning, boys' basketball tryouts and the December 12 Geography Bee winner-Hunter Christman.

Coming Dates

January 21, 2013 – Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment to Closed Session

A motion was made by Rueber, second by Sorenson to adjourn to closed session at 7:25 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members agreeing to adjourn. Motion passed.

Closed Session

Closed session began at 7:25 p.m. Items discussed included a custodial resignation and RtI concerns. A motion was made by Ostrowski, second by Sorenson to reconvene into open session at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Open Session

No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m., on a motion by Ostrowski, second by Sorenson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linton Skewes, President

Julie Ostrowski, Clerk