

**JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, UNION GROVE  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2020**

**Call to Order**

President Linton Skewes called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**Roll Call & Quorum**

Board members present were Linton Skewes, Julie Ostrowski, Daniel Gruhn (V), Randy Sorenson (V) and Scott Cincotta (V). (V denotes virtual attendance). District Administrator Brenda Stevenson, Financial Manager Shelley Retzlaff (V) and recorder Tracey Kiser (V) were also in attendance. Guests included Melissa Helt, Scott Katterhagen (V), Chris McBryde (V), MJ Cooper (V), Janette Kieffer (V), and Karen Rick (V).

**Minutes**

The school board minutes of July 20, 2020 were reviewed and approved with revisions on a motion by Cincotta, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report**

The July 2020 treasurer's report was reviewed. Cash on hand - \$2,443,333.99, receipts total \$110,520.22, disbursements total \$376,857.74 and the end balance total is \$2,176, 996.47. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Sorenson, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 5-0.

**Vouchers Payable**

**Vouchers Payable** – A motion was made by Cincotta, second by Gruhn to approve vouchers payable in the amount of \$533,671.38. Motion carried 5-0.

**PTO Report**

Ms. Stevenson met with PTO members who informed her they are planning on hosting a ticket raffle to replace the basket sales at the canceled Craft Fair.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

**Old Business**

**Open Enrollment Update** – Per Ms. Stevenson the district is receiving a large number of open enrollment with exceptions applications. At this time there are approximately 814 students.

**Registration Update** – Online registration was heavily promoted and encouraged.

**UGES Reopening Plan Update** – The district switched from JEDI Academy for online learning to virtual teaching in-house. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will begin with virtual students on September 1 while grades 4K-4<sup>th</sup> will begin virtual teaching on September 8.

## **New Business**

**Milk Bids** –A motion to approve Roy Alderman and Sons as the district milk supplier for the 2020-2021 school year was made by Gruhn, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 5-0.

**2020-21 Student Academic Standards** - A motion was made by Sorenson, second by Ostrowski to approve the 2020-2021 student academic standards as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Act 55 Notification Requirements** – A motion to approve the Act 55 notification requirements as presented was made by Cincotta. Second by Gruhn. Motion carried 5-0.

**Staff Increases** – Staff increases will be discussed in closed session.

**Staff Updates** – There will be two additional staff members hired for teacher/paraprofessional support (Alison Chizek and Katy Johnson).

**Building and Grounds Update** – Supervisor Scott Katterhagen requested the district purchase a bipolar ionization system to help remove germs from the air. This item will be further discussed in closed session.

**Technology Updates** – Per Chris McBryde the new chromebooks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are due to arrive after August 19. The district bought six new chromebook carts so teachers will not have to share.

**Food Service Report** – Since there will be additional lunch periods food service staff hours will be staggered.

**Health Aide Report** –The district now has a separate isolation room for students with COVID symptoms. Parents are requested to self-assess their children’s health each morning before sending them to school.

**Policy Updates** – A motion to approve Policy #2266 (nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education or activities) with revisions was made by Cincotta, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.

**UGES Highlights** – No highlights were discussed.

## **Coming Dates**

Regular School Board Meeting – September 21, 2020, 6:30 PM, K-4 Cafeteria.

## **Adjournment to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Gruhn, second by Ostrowski to adjourn to closed session at 7:45 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Closed Session**

Closed session began at 7:46 PM. No business was conducted. A motion was made by Cincotta, second by Ostrowski to reconvene into open session at 8:33 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Open Session**

A motion was made by Gruhn, second by Cincotta to approve the purchase of a bipolar ionization system for a price not to exceed \$64,793.00, subject to confirmation of levels of carbon dioxide emissions if any. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ostrowski, second by Gruhn to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linton Skewes, President

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Julie Ostrowki, Clerk