

**JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, UNION GROVE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

Call to Order

President Linton Skewes called the meeting to order at 6:21 PM.

Roll Call & Quorum

Board members present were Linton Skewes, Julie Ostrowski, Daniel Gruhn, Randy Sorenson and Scott Cincotta. District Administrator Brenda Stevenson, Financial Manager Shelley Retzlaff and recorder Tracey Kiser were also in attendance. Guests included Scott Katterhagen, Chris McBryde, and Katy Johnson.

Minutes

The school board minutes of August 17, 2020 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Gruhn, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

The August 2020 treasurer's report was reviewed. Cash on hand - \$2,176,996.47, receipts total \$1,030,783.67, disbursements total \$610,737.32 and the end balance total is \$2,597,042.82. 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 Gruhn, second by Sorenson to approve vouchers payable in the amount of \$710,001.24. Motion carried 5-0.

PTO Report

Katy Johnson informed the board the PTO is hosting a UGES Night at the Jellystone Carnival of Lights on Nov. 30. They are also considering an in-person book fair in addition to an online book fair. Additional fundraising options the PTO is considering are a braided bread sale and ticket raffle.

Public Comments

Katy Johnson informed the board the Union Grove mural that Leadership Union Grove spearheaded had been completed on the NAPA store building.

Old Business

Enrollment Update – Per Ms. Stevenson there are 302 open enrollment students and 523 resident students. Virtual learning is expected to be completed at the end of November.

Reopening Update – According to a survey by parents 70% want their children in school with in-person teaching. If the school is forced to close teachers are prepared for virtual learning which will be done from school.

New Business

Approval of 2020-2021 Budget –A motion to approve the 2020-2021 school budget as presented was made by Cincotta, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of 2020-2021 Tax Levy - A motion was made by Sorenson, second by Cincotta to approve the 2020-2021 tax levy in the amount of \$3,596,840.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Overnight Field Trip Requests – A motion to approve the Extreme Science Team trip to Florida February 1-5, 2021 and the 5th grade trip to Camp Timber-lee April 29-30, 2021 was made by Gruhn. Second by Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Employee Handbook – A motion to approve the UGES Employee Handbook revisions (new employee vacation time and teacher breach of contract guidelines) was made by Cincotta, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff Updates – A motion to approve a 1.81% raise for teaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year was approved by Sorenson, second by Skewes. Motion carried 5-0.

Building and Grounds Update – Supervisor Scott Katterhagen said the custodial staff was working hard to sanitize the building at night. The bipolar ionization air handling system is shipping this week.

Technology Updates – Per Chris McBryde the new chromebooks for 6th grade students have not arrived and have no estimated delivery date. Additional iPads have been ordered for 4K and kindergarten students.

Food Service Report – Meal counts are down so far this year and students now have assigned seats for lunch.

Health Aide Report – Forty students have been sent home with COVID symptoms. There are first aid kits in every classroom. The state mask mandate is scheduled to end September 28. Mr. Gruhn and Ms. Stevenson would like the mask mandate to continue in school regardless of the state’s mandate.

Policy Updates – A motion to approve Policy #8450.01 (PPE During Pandemic/Epidemic Events, Reopening or Resuming School Operations) was made by Gruhn, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 5-0.

UGES Highlights – No highlights were discussed.

Coming Dates

Regular School Board Meeting – October 19, 2020, 6:30 PM, K-4 Cafeteria.

Adjournment to Closed Session

A motion was made by Gruhn, second by Cincotta to adjourn to closed session at 7:20 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session

Closed session began at 7:21 PM. No business was conducted. A motion was made by Gruhn, second by Cincotta to reconvene into open session at 8:10 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Session

No business was conducted.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ostrowski, second by Sorenson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linton Skewes, President

Julie Ostrowki, Clerk