

**JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, UNION GROVE  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 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, Randy Sorenson and Scott Cincotta (V). District Administrator Brenda Stevenson, Financial Manager Shelley Retzlaff and recorder Tracey Kiser (V) were also in attendance. Guests included Scott Katterhagen (V), Chris McBryde (V), MJ Cooper (V), Karen Rick (V), Karen Rick (V), Tiffany Passe (V) and Katy Johnson. (V) indicates virtual attendance.

**Minutes**

The school board minutes of September 21, 2020 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Sorenson, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**Treasurer's Report**

The September 2020 treasurer's report was reviewed. Cash on hand - \$2,597,042.82, receipts total \$740,816.56, disbursements total \$759,487.69 and the end balance total is \$2,578,371.69. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Cincotta, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 4-0.

**Vouchers Payable**

**Vouchers Payable** – A motion was made by Cincotta, second by Ostrowski to approve vouchers payable in the amount of \$795,206.57. Motion carried 4-0.

**PTO Report**

Katy Johnson informed the board the PTO is hosting a UGES Night at the Jellystone Carnival of Lights on Nov. 30. Their fall online Spiritwear sale went well. Coming events include an in-person and online book fair and a braided bread sale.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Old Business**

**Reopening Update** –Ms. Stevenson met with staff to address concerns. She is considering adding additional inservice days to allow teachers time to address in person and virtual teaching issues. A virtual day of school is being planned to test technology so the district will be prepared if schools are ordered to go all-virtual. Ms. Stevenson is posting a weekly district COVID update on the school website.

**Final Approval for Tax Levy and Possible Budget Revisions** – A motion to accept final approval of the 2020-2021 tax levy in the amount of \$3,595,750.00, was made by Cincotta, second by Ostrowski. Motion carried 4-0. A motion to approve the budget revisions as presented for the 2020-2021 school year was made by Sorenson, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 4-0.

## **New Business**

**Overnight Field Trips** –A motion to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Camp Timberlee April 12-13, 2021 and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C., May 25-28, 2021 was made by Ostrowski, second by Sorenson. Motion carried 4-0.

**Insurance Update** – Ms. Stevenson stated the health insurance cost increase this year would only be 4.5%.

**2021 Delegate for Delegate Assembly/Legislative Contact for 2020/2021** – Selection of a delegate is on hold for this month. Cincotta stated the event would be virtual this year.

**Staff Updates** – A motion to approve the resignation of Chris Swantz effective October 9, 2020 was approved by Skewes, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 4-0. A motion to approve 7/8 teacher Maggie Monson’s transfer to sixth grade effective October 9, 2020 and to approve the hiring of Natasha Hegemann for 7/8 language arts was made by Skewes, second by Cincotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**Building and Grounds Update** – Supervisor Scott Katterhagen said the disc golf course was finished except for signage, for which he suggested obtaining sponsors. Bipolar ionization air filtration components should ship this week and get installed the following week.

**Technology Updates** – Per Chris McBryde the new iPads and Chromebooks have arrived.

**Food Service Report** – Meal counts are down so far this year but numbers are up from last month.

**Health Aide Report** – There are 177 students with health conditions, 17 students with daily medications and 3 diabetics.

**Policy Updates** – A motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy Volume 29, #2 was made by Cincotta, second by Ostrowski. Motion carried 4-0.

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

## **Coming Dates**

Regular School Board Meeting – November 16, 2020, 6:30 PM, K-4 Cafeteria.

## **Adjournment to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Cincotta, second by Sorenson to adjourn to closed session at 7:00 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Closed Session**

Closed session began at 7:01 PM. No business was conducted. A motion was made by Ostrowski, second by Cincotta to reconvene into open session at 7:25 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Open Session**

No business was conducted.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Sorenson, second by Ostrowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linton Skewes, President

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Julie Ostrowki, Clerk