

UNIONTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of Monday, January 9, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Uniontown Area Board of School Directors was held on **Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time**. There were present at the meeting, Directors Dawson, Grahek, Meadows, Rittenhouse, Rugola, Tanner, Venick and Clay were present. Assistant to the Superintendent Bosnic, Business Manager Matthews, and Solicitor Brungo were also present at the meeting.

President Clay called the meeting to order with a moment for silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek seconded approval of the **minutes of the Reorganization and Special Meetings of December 5, 2022.**

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

WELCOME President Clay welcomed Mr. Venick to the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT COMMUNICATIONS None
None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Sequoia Dunlap, Student Representative, was not present, she submitted a written report to the board of directors.

ROBERT RANKIN SECOND SHIFT MENALLEN Director Dawson moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the employment of Robert Rankin Jr. as a six-hour part-time cleaning person assigned to second shift at Menallen Elementary, with terms and conditions as per the negotiated agreement with the Service Employees international Union, Local 32BI, effective December 14, 2022.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.



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IN LOCO PARENTIS APPROVED Director Meadows moved and Director Rugola seconded the motion to approve the In Loco Parentis Requests as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

P.I.C. AGREEMENTS APPROVED Director Meadows moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the agreement between U.A.S.D. and Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

TANNER JOINS MEETING Director Tanner joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ESSER'S HIRES APPROVED Director Meadows moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval to employ the following individuals with ESSER'S Funds effective 01/09/2023, said temporary positions are for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school terms.
a.) Tommi Kodric- PreK-4 (Grade 1 B.F. for the 2022-2023 school term) Step 1 Bachelors)
b.) Megan Fisher- PreK-4 (Kindergarten, B.F. for the 2022-2023 school term, Step 3 Masters)
c.) Brianne Schiffbauer- PreK-4 (Kindergarten-Menallen for the 2022-2023 school term, Step 1 Bachelors)

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.


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**APPROVE
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded approval of the following financial statements for November 2022:

- (a) General Fund Treasurer's Report
- (b) Budget and Revenue Report

A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

**APPROVE
PAYROLL**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded approval of payroll for December, 2022.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

**APPROVE BILLS
FOR PAYMENT**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded approval for payment of the following bills, authorizing and directing Officers of the Board to issue vouchers for same:

- (a) General Fund
- (b) U.A.H.S. Construction Fund
- (c) Cafeterias
- (d) Federal Funds

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A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.


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PRELIMINARY DELINQUENT TAX TOTALS Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola approved the 2020 preliminary delinquent tax totals as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT APPROVED Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval of the Taxpayer Relief Act as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

ACT 93 AGREEMENT REVISED Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Dawson seconded the revisions to the Act 93 Agreement as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

NURSING SERVICE AGREEMENT APPROVED Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Dawson seconded the approval of the nursing services agreement for Uniontown Area School District as presented.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.


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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ADDITIONS APPROVED Director Grahek moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval to add the following individuals to the 2022-2023 approved list of professional substitute teachers at \$120 per day, pending proper receipt of clearances/certification:
a.) Gina E. Rogers- Emergency Substitute
b.) Kathreine Henzler- English 7-12

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

MICHELLE ANDREWS HIRED AS 1660 HOUR SECRETARY Director Grahek moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval to employ Michelle Andrews as a 1660 hour secretary at central administration per the terms and conditions set forth by the Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ, CLC.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

REVISION TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP Director Tanner moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the first reading to the revision to policy 004 regarding Board Membership. The revision added the following as presented. "When a vacancy occurs as a result of death, resignation or removal- In person public interviews will take place prior to board appointment.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.


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CELESTE FOWLER Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek
DANCE CHAPERONE seconded the approval for Celeste Fowler to
serve as a dance chaperone at Benjamin
Franklin per the terms and conditions set forth
by the U.A.E.A.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson,
yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner,
yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the
President declared the motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION Director Tanner moved and Director Rugola
APPROVALS seconded the approval to add the following
Individuals to the 2022-2023 Driver's List:
a.) Trace Thomas- Rittenhouse
b.) Jennifer Eutsey- Rittenhouse

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson,
yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner,
yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the
President declared the motion carried.

C.T.I. Director Grahek said there wasn't a meeting in
December. The grill is doing very well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S On behalf of the Administration, Dr. Bosnic
REMARKS welcomed Mr. Venick. The meeting for January
12th negotiations were cancelled. He also
alerted the board that Miss Blackson sent them
an email regarding a recent decision regarding a
grievance where the arbitrator ruled in favor of
the district.




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PUBLIC COMMENT

Miss Blackson, Board Secretary- Franklin Township, recognized the board for their efforts in recognition of School Director Recognition Month.

Gena White, Franklin Township, thanked the board for adding the revision to board membership. She also asked if the board could elaborate regarding an alleged physical altercation that occurred on the bus around or before the 20th of December 2022. It was her understanding that ten people were involved and she wanted to know if they received equal discipline. The district solicitor, Mr. Brungo, said that type of information is confidential because it involves students and information regarding issues relative to private information under FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), so it wouldn't be appropriate for the board or members of the administration to share such information. He also stated that if there were such an incident, he's certain that the administration is working to address whatever issues that may be that are outstanding to the extent possible. As solicitor he would not advise the board or administration to discuss private matters in a public setting. Mrs. White said that it was brought to her attention that all of them were not disciplined evenly which is what she was touching base on at the last meeting regarding policies and procedures. She believes if policies and procedures aren't applied evenly, it's going to create more issues. She wants to know how or when she'll be able to know if they were applied evenly. She feels like the behavior of our students and their reputation are of interest of to the public and the people that pay taxes.



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ADJOURN

Director Dawson moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Tanner, yea; Venick, yea; and Clay, yea. There being eight yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.



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