

**UNIONTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of Monday, February 6, 2023**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Uniontown Area Board of School Directors was held on **Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time.** There were present at the meeting, Directors Dawson, Grahek, Meadows, Rittenhouse, Rugola, Venick and Clay were present. Superintendent Machesky, 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 Grahek moved and Director Dawson seconded approval of the **minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023.**

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**      None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Machesky introduced Dr. Kelly Swartz who made a presentation regarding some of our students and recognized them and their families for their outstanding academic achievements. Dr. Swartz introduced the Tri County Jr. Academic Quiz League Champions with a record of 9-0 against neighboring schools. The following students were recognized: A.J. McMullen – Sally Budinsky, Rachel Glisan, Patrick Foster  
Benjamin Franklin- Lucas Mihalko  
Franklin- Parker Phillips, Dominic Sperko, Alyson Gresh, Laurelin Fullerton  
Menallen- Sadie Savage, Addison Caruso, Addison Mazur  
They were commended for their behavior as well as their knowledge in representing the Uniontown Area School District.

  
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**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Sequoia Dunlap, Student Representative, submitted a report however was unable to attend. **A copy is attached to and made part of these minutes.**

**PHILLIP BROWN  
FIVE-HOUR  
PART TIME  
CLEANING**

Director Dawson moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the employment of Phillip Brown as a five-hour part-time cleaning person assigned to second shift at Lafayette, with terms and conditions as per the negotiated agreement with the Service Employees International Union, Local 32L, effective January 10, 2023.

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.

**2023-2024  
SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

Director Meadows moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval of the calendar for the 2023-2024 school term 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.

**EITT  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
HOURS APPROVED**

Director Meadows moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 for the 2022-2023 school year 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.

  
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**APPROVE  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded approval of the following financial statements for December, 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; Venick, yea and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

**APPROVE  
PAYROLL**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded approval of payroll for January 2023.

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.

**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; Venick, yea and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

  
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**FINAL REAL ESTATE  
TOTALS APPROVED** Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the 2022 Real Estate Totals (Final) 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.

**TAX RESOLUTION  
APPROVED** Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the resolution regarding tax collection as presented. Compensation for the described is to be determined following consultation with a recommendation of District Auditors.

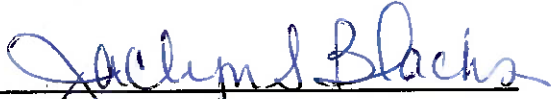
A vote upon the motion resulted as follows: Director Dawson, yea; Grahek, yea; Meadows, yea; Rittenhouse, yea; Rugola, yea; Venick, yea and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

**I.U. GENERAL  
OPERATING BUDGET  
APPROVED** Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the General Operational Budget of the Intermediate Unit 1 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.

**MARIA BERRY  
RESIGNS FROM  
CAFETERIA** Director Grahek moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the resignation of Maria Barry as a 7 hour general cafeteria worker at U.H.S, effective 12/09/2022.

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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**ANGELA RIGGAR  
HIRED AS CAFÉ  
EMPLOYEE**

Director Grahek moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval to employ Angela Riggarr as a 7.5 hour general cafeteria employee at Benjamin Franklin, effective 1/23/23 at \$10 per hour per the terms and conditions set forth by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 84, AFL-CIO.

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.

**POLICY 004  
FINALIZED**

Director Venick moved and Director Grahek seconded the recommended approval of the second and final reading of policy 004 regarding board Membership and the addition of the following statement: "When a vacancy occurs as a result of death, resignation or removal- In person public interviews will take place prior to board appointment" 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.

**SARAH MCNATT  
ASSISTANT  
VOLLEYBALL  
COACH**

Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval to employ Sarah McNatt as an Assistant Volleyball coach at U.H.S. for the 2022-2023 school term, 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; Venick, yea and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

  
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**JOSEPH FOSTER  
RESIGNS AS AJ  
TRACK COACH**

Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek seconded to approve the resignation of Joseph Foster as A.J. McMullen Assistant Track Coach effective 01/30/2023.

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.

**ERIC BUDNER  
ASSISTANT  
SOFTBALL COACH**

Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval to employ Eric Budner as an Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at U.H.S. for the 2022-2023 school term , 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; Venick, yea and Clay, yea. There being seven yeas and no nays, the President declared the motion carried.

**VOLUNTEER  
BASEBALL COACHES  
APPROVED**

Director Rugola moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval for the following individuals to serve as Volunteer Baseball Coaches for Middle School Baseball for the 2022-2023 school term.  
a.) Nate Fisher  
b.) Dennis Martin

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.

**SAFETY/ SECURITY**

Director Venick mentioned that the State Police will be conducting security assessments of all U.A.S.D. School Buildings.

  
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**ADDITIONS TO  
DRIVER'S LIST  
APPROVED**

Director Rittenhouse moved and Director Rugola seconded the approval of the addition of the list of approved drivers for the 2022-2023 school term:

- a.) Kathie Casey- Konetsco
- b.) Scott Basescu- M&R
- c.) Brandy Cross- Spade

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.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT- I.U.**

Director Meadows mentioned that the I.U. will have a convention on March 28, 2023 with student showcases at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe.

**C.T.I.**

Director Grahek reported 678 students enrolled. The Skills U.S.A. Regional Competition had 13 first place winners that will compete at the state level. Auto body, Auto Mechanics, Diesel and Graphic Design students designed a pedal car that won second place for the theme "Suicide Prevention" which is on display in the lobby. She reported that they received an Agriculture Grant in the amount of \$7399 from the PA Department of Agriculture which will be used for aeroponic and soil science projects. The PA Department of Agriculture also gave a \$25,000 grant which was a matching grant which will be used for updating the greenhouse. The work will be done in house and the greenhouse is a 30 x 60 building. She also mentioned that they are recruiting for adult education classes. Director Clay mentioned the Grille and Patisserie Bakery having wonderful food and that reservations are required.

  
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**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REMARKS** NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT** NONE

**ADJOURN** Director Dawson moved and Director Grahek seconded the approval to **adjourn the meeting** at 6:50 p.m.

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