

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESEO-LA PORTE CITY
Public Hearing
February 19, 2024**

Call to Order: Corey Lorenzen called the public hearing to order at 5:50 p.m. in the Media Center at Union High School. The following board members were present: Reid Carlson, Maureen Hanson, Carly McGivern, Brandon Paine, Lindsey Pipho, and Ben Schemmel. There were 47 guests in attendance.

Discussion of the 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar. Several guests expressed a desire to end the school year before June.

Adjourn. On a motion by Hanson, second by Paine, the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar closed at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Call to Order: Corey Lorenzen called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Union High School. The following board members were present: Reid Carlson, Maureen Hanson, Carly McGivern, Brandon Paine, Lindsey Pipho, and Ben Schemmel.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Pipho, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Actions on Consent Items: Approval of the January 15, 2024, Board Minutes; Approval of board policies- 2nd Reading: 401.13- Responsible technology use and Social Networking (Renumbered and moved to 700 Series- 713); 401.13R1- Responsible Technology Use and Social Network Regulation (Renumbered and Moved to 700 Series – 713R.1); 410.1- Substitute Teachers; 410.2- Summer Licensed Employees; 410.3- Education Aide; 411.1- Classified Employee Defined; 411.2- Classified Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection; 411.3- Classified Employee Contracts; 502.7- Student Substance Use; 605.6- Internet Appropriate Use; 605.6R1- Internet Appropriate Use Regulation; 605.8- Artificial Intelligence in the Education Environment (New Policy Per IASB) 605.8R1- Artificial Intelligence in the Education Environment Regulation (New Regulation Per IASB); 701.1- Depository of Funds; 701.2- Transfer of Funds; 701.3- Financial Records; 701.4- Governmental Accounting Practices and Regulations; 703.1- Budget Planning; 703.2- Spending Plan (Rescinded per IASB); 706.1- Payroll Periods. Approval of board policies- 1st Reading: 411.4- Classified Employee Licensing Certification; 411.5- Classified Employee Assignment; 411.6- Classified Employee Transfers; 411.7- Classified Employee Evaluation; 411.8- Classified Employee Probationary Status. Approval of Resignations- Effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year unless noted *Andrea Dvorak- Kitchen Assistant- UMS; Lindsay Holmes- 3rd Grade- LPC; Corey Lorenzen- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach; Sarah Miller- TK- LPC; Greg Obrosk- Head Custodian- DG (effective March 15, 2024); Moriah Schild- Kitchen- UHS (effective February 28, 2024); Haley Spragg- 5th Grade- LPC; Casey Tecklenburg- Vocal Music- UMS/UHS; Deb Wilson- Head Cook- LPC; * Early Retirement. Approval of Transfers/Reassignment- Effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year unless noted- Angie Bechtold- 5th Grade LPC to 4th Grade LPC; Jamie Huckfelt- 4th Grade LPC to 1st Grade DG; Kyle Wieck- Custodian- UHS to DG (effective as soon as position filled/trained). Approval of New Hires- Noland Brand- 7th/8th math- UMS; Anne Kemen- Special Education- UMS; Financials; Open Enrollment Requests; Fundraisers; Transfer of \$1000 from management fund to general fund for insurance deductible. On a motion by Hanson, second by Carlson, the board

approved the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0. Corey Lorenzen abstained from his resignation.

Comments from Public – Several guests present at the meeting addressed the board with their concerns about the administrative structure with the retirement of LPC Elementary Principal Todd Parker. They would prefer a principal in each of the buildings, rather than sharing an administrator between the elementary buildings, and an assistant principal covering the building on the alternate days.

Superintendent Report: Instructional- Quote from Capturing Kids' Hearts training for 2024-2025 has been received. This is a professional development, not general fund expense. Had a great PD on the 12th. Previously mentioned the Science of Reading LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training. As of this month 1,983 teachers statewide have signed up. Union has approximately 30, thus making Union one of the first districts to take advantage of this opportunity. A quote has been received to replace some of the Chromebooks for next year. This will be a SAVE/PPEL expense. Facilities: Received a quote for some roofing work at UHS and UMS. This too will be a SAVE/PPEL expense. Safety and Security- UHS custodial staff is working on replacing some of the security signs and lighting near entrances/exits. This will be all, or mostly, covered by the safety and security grant. All Tama County law enforcement cars will soon have both exterior and interior access to both DG and UMS for use in the event of an emergency. Staffing/Transportation- The HR agreement with Independence will end at the close of this fiscal year. Met with an representative from another district, and they are interested in sharing not only this position but others things as well. Also, been in preliminary discussions with reps from the City of La Porte City about doing some sharing as well. Districts can share with a city just like another school district. I am hoping the legislature approves increasing the sharing to 29. Right now, the max is 21, and we are at 16. Other- There were 15 teams of 3 doing our Partner Plunge wellness activity this month. A total of 246 pounds were lost by the participants. Congratulations Corner- Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon students for earning Small School Champion and Super Quiz Champion titles. By doing so, they advance to the State Competition on March 1 & 2. The team was also well-represented with individual awards. If they place high enough at State they will advance to Nationals in Pittsburg. Congratulations to our musical theater group of Young Frankenstein for earning All-State honors. Congratulations to our UHS Jazz bands for their outstanding performances at the recent Jazz Festival. Jazz 1 received a I rating while Jazz II received an II rating. Congratulations to Jillian Worthen for placing 5th at the Girls' State Wrestling meet. Congratulations to the UHS concert band members selected for Meistersinger Honor Band. Congratulations to our five wrestlers who were district champions and all earning a spot on the podium Saturday night at State. Collectively they placed 3rd in Class 2A. Conclusion. I will be at ISFLC in Ankeny this week but will be available by email and phone.

New Business:

Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar. On a motion by Hanson, second by Pipho, the board approved the 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of the sale of a school-owned weight bench. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the board approved the sale of the school-owned weight bench to Jake Clark in the amount of \$350. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval to share boys' tennis with North Tama for spring 2024. On a motion by Paine, second by Carlson the board approved sharing boys' tennis with North Tama for spring 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of an agreement with Terpstra Hoke and Associates P.C. for FY 24 Audit. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved the agreement with Terpstra Hoke and Associates, P.C. for FY24 Audit. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of bidding documents to be released to bidders for DG Elementary playground through Martin Gardner Architecture (MGA). On a motion by Schemmel, second by McGivern, the board approved the release of bidding documents contingent on bidding documents matching the scope of work requested for the DG Elementary playground through Martin Gardner Architecture (MGA). Motion carried 7-0. Documents should go out on Tuesday with bids due in March and construction can begin in May.

Consider an agreement with Morningside College for the 2024-2025 school year. On a motion by Paine, second by Pipho, the board approved the agreement with Morningside College for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider an agreement with Hawkeye Community College for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Carlson, second by Hanson, the board approved the agreement with Hawkeye Community College for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval to schedule FY25 Budget Public Hearing #1 for Monday, April 1, 2024. On a motion by Pipho, second by Hanson, the board approved setting the first public hearing on the FY25 Budget for Monday, April 1, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and consider approval for administrative structure for 2024-2025. On a motion by Hanson, second by Schemmel, to share one K-5 principal, and one K-5 assistant principal for the two elementary buildings. Motion failed 4-3, with Paine, Pipho, McGivern and Lorenzen casting the dissenting votes. Discussion ensued amongst the board members, each giving their thoughts on the three options presented. No decision was made at this meeting. More documentation will be prepared and given to the board. They will meet again sometime next week.

Corey Lorenzen
President

Diane Roberts
Board Secretary

