

May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in the High School Library. Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present were: Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch, Beth Murnion, Wyatt Colvin, and Jason Nordlund. Also present were: Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Beth Lawrence, Marla & Kalley Pluhar, Bethany Ryan, Marisa O'Connor, Meriah Ryan, Angie Murnion, Tyrone Hageman, Heather Gibson, and Randee Murnion.

ABSENT

Members absent were: Amber Saylor

AGENDA

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the agenda without correction. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Gibson addressed the Board with her concerns that students should be limited to one sport at a time to help decrease the absences from school in the Spring.

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Beth Lawrence informed the Board with the year winding down we have 15 students who made it to State track and 1 student to State golf.

STUCO REPORT

Student Council Representative, Eliza Harbaugh informed the Board the theme for Homecoming next year is "Fairytale" and the student council is donating a hundred dollars for fireworks this year.

TEACHER REPORT

Mrs. Beth Lawrence thanked the Board for the 25% to help BPA go to Nationals. Mrs. Bethany Ryan informed the Board the 5th grade metamorphosed caterpillars and went and toured the greenhouse. Mrs. Angie Murnion informed the Board the 1st grade hatched chicks and went to BB Farms for a tour. Mrs. Marisa O'Connor informed the Board kindergarten went to the greenhouse and got to pot a plant. Discussion of pursuing the train rides again every so many years as we haven't since 2020 when we were shut down.

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL REPORT

Clerk Guesanburu informed the Board the foundation in the elementary has never been correctly fixed in the years she has been here. Maintenance, Bryan Fitzgerald visited with her again about how much worse it has become. Trustees, Harold Erlenbusch and Jason Nordlund will meet tomorrow at 3:00 pm with Bryan and go over what needs to be fixed. Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing informed the Board she has received one application for an elementary position and would like to move forward to set up an interview. The hiring committee agreed that would be fine. Mr. Tyrone Hageman addressed the Board moving forward in track next year the possibility of hiring a third coach. This season we have had more students participate than we have in several years and the need for an extra coach at track meets is crucial. Moving forward the Board agreed it will be better to hire and eliminate volunteers.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve the executive session minutes of April 16, 2025 without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the consent agenda including the following items: #6.1 Accounts Payable/Payroll Claims; #6.2 Payroll Claims Transfers; and #6.3 Extra-curricular reports HS/EL. Accounts Payable includes #32975 - #33006; Direct Deposit warrants include #83864 - #83786; Payroll warrants include #24090 - #24135. Motion carried unanimously.

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PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the annual dues to MHSA in the amount of \$2868.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NEGOTIATIONS

Nothing to report at this time with negotiations.

APPOINT TRUSTEE

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to appoint Amber Saylor for the vacant trustee position for one year until the next regular school election. Motion carried unanimously.

OATH OF CANDIDACY

At this time Clerk, Anna Guesanburu gave her oath of candidacy in front of County Superintendent, Heather Gibson.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD/COMMITTEES

At this time, the Board reorganized. Teacher/Principal, Judith Billing asked for nominations for Chairman. Trustee Nordlund nominated Harold Erlenbusch for Chairman. Trustee Murnion seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Murnion nominated Amber Saylor for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Nordlund seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Secretary. Trustee Colvin nominated Beth Murnion for Secretary. Trustee Nordlund seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Clerk. Trustee Murnion nominated Anna Guesanburu for Clerk. Trustee Nordlund seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve the Unified Board Committees as is for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 1230 REVISION

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve second and final reading of policy revisions; Policy# 1230 – Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

TEACHER RESIGNATION

At this time Chairman Erlenbusch read a letter of resignation from Charlotte Billing. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to accept the resignation of Charlotte Billing effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

Clerk Guesanburu addressed the Board about paying the amount of the 2025-26 single rate health insurance to two retirees who have worked for the District 20 plus years for the term of three years. After discussion this item will be tabled until the next regular Board meeting in June.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Colvin to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Anna Guesanburu, Clerk Date

Harold Erlenbusch, Chairman Date