

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
October 15, 2014
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. September 24, 2014

CLOSED SESSION* *The Board will re-enter open session upon concluding closed session discussions or at 6:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.*

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - visitors and comments**
 1. Special Recognition
 2. Visitors
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 1. Approval of Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 2. Interfund Loans
 3. Fund Status
 4. 2014 Tax Levy Process Update
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Closing Greenfield Elementary School
 2. Senior Class Trip
 3. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. 2015 School Board Election
 2. 2014 & 2015 Europe Trips
 3. Policy Revision First Readings
 4. Board Goals Review
 5. Board Committees
 6. Principal Report
 7. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meetings:

Regular meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.

****A closed session may be held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.***

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on October 15, 2014**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Principals Dorethy, Klusmeyer, Fessler, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Six visitors were present.

MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve minutes of September 24, 2014 regular meeting as presented.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Minutes
MOTION: Flear “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Farmer “to return to open session.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Flear “to approve minutes of closed session October 15, 2014.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve the retirement of Donna Davis after the first day of school of the 2015-2016 school year.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Donna Davis Retirement
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve bills and activity funds reports as presented.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Funds Reports
MOTION: Flear “to approve Jenny Gronewold as 7 th grade girls volleyball coach.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	7th Grade Volleyball

<p>MOTION: Fleeer “to approve closing of Greenfield Elementary at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; reduce the number of kindergarten and first grade sections for the 2015-2016 to two classes of each grade; house second grade and third grade at Mendon Elementary; and, house fourth grade at Unity Middle School.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleeer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closing of Greenfield Elementary School</p>
<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve the senior trip as presented with a \$500.00 donation to the class.”</p> <p>SECOND: Fleeer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleeer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Senior Trip</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to adjourn to Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleeer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>President _____ November 19, 2014</p> <p>Secretary _____</p>	

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

October 15, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 6

Financial Items

- Approved bills and activity fund reports.
- Heard preliminary estimates of an increase in 2014 EAV for the district of between 5% and 6% for the district.

Informational Items

- Reviewed timeline for School Board elections. The window is open for people to pick up petitions. Five Board members have terms expire. This year the process has changed and those interested in running should contact the Adams County Clerk's office. Filings must be made with the Adams County Clerk between 12/15/2014 and 12/22/2014.
- Reviewed data on progress toward Board Goals. Heard report that students earning college credit while still in high school is on the rise. The two main factors are the partnership with John Wood Community College, and increased computer access through the 1:1 program. In 2012-13 UHS students earned 18 college credit hours. During the 2013-14 year, UHS students earned 48 college credit hours. Students are on pace to earn 38 college credits in the first semester of 2014-15.
- Finance Committee acknowledged the value of making significant upgrades to the financial software for the district. However, they recommend the district does not upgrade the software at this time due to the financial climate of the state and district.
- Building Committee reported on facility review. They will meet and prioritize work that needs to be done prior to the next meeting.
- Reported on numbers of students who have participated in certain elective courses at Unity High School over the past three years.

Action Items

- Approved closing of Greenfield Elementary at the end of 2014-15 school year. The current plan is to open the 2015-16 school year with 4th grade students attending Unity Middle School, and 2nd and 3rd grade students attending Mendon Elementary. There will be only two sections of Kindergarten and first grade.
- Approved Senior Class Trip to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge.
- Approved Jenny Gronewold as 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach.
- Accepted Donna Davis' resignation effective at the start of 2015-16 school year.

Next Meeting

- Next regular board meeting will be 6:00pm on November 19th in the Unity High School Library.