

UNION HILL ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Mary Gipson	Sheila Johnson	Jackie Johnston
James Grunden	Bobbie Mauk	Loy DeMoss
James Parker		

Agenda:

- I. Meeting opened at 6:03 p.m. Prayer: Bobbie Mauk
- II. Guests present were: Donald Sinquefield, Monica Tarwater, Regina Parish, Sierra Parish, Brad Watson, Mike Kuza, Van Duffey

Open Forum: Monica Tarwater spoke on open forum about upcoming fundraiser for Bettie Volunteer Fire Department. She also addressed the fact she did not see current events and board agenda on website.

- III. Minutes from the previous meeting on September 8, 2011 were presented and reviewed.

A motion by James Grunden and a second by Jackie Johnston to approve minutes from September 8, 2011 as read. Motion carries unanimously.

IV. **Items:**

1. Regina Parish addressed the board asking their permission to allow her daughter Tiffany to come on campus for Senior Night. Board President Mary Gipson told Ms. Parish the board would consider her request in closed session.

2. Michael Kuza addressed the board concerning the recent incident which happened when a student was driving the school's vehicle and ran into the side of his son's truck. He told them he had received documentation from the school and TASB Insurance that the school could not be held liable since they had immunity because they are a government entity. Mr. Kuza said he was not getting any assistance with the repair from the parents of the student as well. The board and Supt. Richardson expressed to Mr. Kuza that they were sorry for the loss to them personally but could not go against the legalities and the insurance policy. They will make sure it is in policy that students will never be allowed to operate a vehicle or machinery on campus in the future.

3. Van Duffey addressed the board concerning the 4-H program request to let any students which might be involved in 4-H be given excused absences for their activities. Currently Union Hill does not have any students involved in these programs but the policy would be set for future involvement.

A motion by James Grunden and second by Jackie Johnston to approve the policy discussed by Mr. Duffey concerning excused absences for 4-H participants. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Athletic Director Dale Witcher addressed the board concerning the new UIL guidelines districts must put in place concerning sports injuries. Districts must now have guidelines in case of concussions and must have a committee in place to address the order in which a student is treated and allowed to return to active play.

A motion by Loy DeMoss and second by James Grunden to approve the UIL protocol for the concussion guidelines and committee as presented by Athletic Director Witcher. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Brad Watson, Principal reviewed the Elementary and High School Campus plans with the board. He showed the board the reduction to the budgets in many areas to meet the cuts to school funding allocations set forth by the legislators. The plans had a few corrections needed addressing and will be brought back to the board at the November meeting.

6. Supt. Richardson presented the Interlocal Agreement between the Upshur County Special Ed. Coop and Gilmer ISD. The coop is working out a lease agreement with Gilmer ISD to house facilities for the Upshur County Special Ed Coop. with \$125,000.00 in renovations needed to the building. Supt. Richardson explained there would be no cost to Union Hill directly but because we are a part of the Coop the Interlocal Agreement needed approval.

A motion Jackie Johnston and second by James Grunden to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Upshur County Special Ed Coop and Gilmer ISD as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

7. Supt. Richardson discussed with the board the updates to school policies EIA/EIAB Local. The policies address end of course guidelines put in place by TASB.

A motion by James Parker and second by Loy DeMoss to approve the updates to school policy concerning EIA/EIAB Local. Motion carries unanimously.

8. Supt. Richardson explained the new guidelines on Eminent Domain in place as a result of the legislature. She furthered explained the procedures must be adopted by local boards for them to be in effect for our district.

A motion by James Parker and second by Loy DeMoss to approve the new legislative guidelines set forth by the state concerning Eminent Domain. Motion carries unanimously.

9. Supt. Richardson presented the application from UT Tyler asking for local school board approval in the efforts to establish a Charter School connected with UT Tyler. She explained that she felt this school would have no impact on the membership in our district.

A motion by James Grunden and second by Jackie Johnston to approve the application from UT Tyler for Charter School approval. Motion carries unanimously.

10. Supt. Richardson and Admin. Assist Micki Miller discussed the new guidelines GASB 54 for financial accounting procedures for all governmental entities. These procedures must be adopted by the board to keep the district in compliance with governmental accounting and will be discussed further by the auditor at the December meeting.

A motion by Loy DeMoss and a second by James Parker to approve the adoption of GASB 54 accounting procedures as mandated by the GASB board. Motion carries unanimously.

11. Supt. Richardson discussed the law suit that is filed against the State of Texas by the Equity Center in support of local districts over funding issues. The Equity Center is asking for support from districts by contributing \$1.00 for every WADA which would cost our district approximately \$500.00. There will be no recourse against any district not choosing to join, it is simply an option to offset court costs. The board's thinking was to hold off at this time and not join.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Information on the following items was sent home in monthly board packets. All items were open for further discussion during the meeting.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. District Enrollment | 300 97% attendance rate 1st 6 weeks |
| 2. Extended Day Tutorials | Teachers began tutoring on Mondays. They will be compensated with an hour and one half pay on Mondays at the rate of \$25.00 per hour and a bus route will be run to bus students home and drivers will be paid \$25.00 per route. |
| 3. Texas SAT Participants | Report on students participating in SAT Exams. Numbers have increased from prior years. Information only. |
| 4. Volleyball/Football Gate/Concession Revenues/Exp. | The board was provided a sheet detailing sport revenues and expenditures to date. |
| 5. Payroll/Accounts Payable (2010/2011) | The board was provided a graph of payroll and accounts payable expenditures for the 2010-11 year. |

- 6. PDAS Report
Superintendent Richardson discussed a report on the Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System . All areas were in compliance.
- 7. District Newsletter
The board was given a copy of the first district newsletter of the school year. Ms. Velma Clay is over-seeing the printing of the newsletter this year.
- 8. Electrical Light Study
Mr. Sinquefield, Maint/Trans Director gave a report on his department to the board. He reported that we did not receive the Cool Schools Grant that we had applied for this fall for funding assistance with AC systems. He presented a proposal he had on a Sprint phone system for direct connect phones for his department. The cost to the district would be approx \$260.00 per month. This is not budgeted but would increase communication capabilities in his department. The board agreed to allow this phone service even though not budgeted.
- 9. Student Council
The student council and Ms. Winchester, counselor raised \$700.00 for the Harmony fire victims and presented a check to Harmony School to assist them.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 1. Accounts Payable \$ 95,393.20
- 2. Tax Collection \$ 5,712.51
- 3. Investment Report \$1,587,422.69

A motion by James Grunden and second by Jackie Johnston to approve the financial reports. Motion carries unanimously.

VII. The board convened into closed session at 8:00 p.m. under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code (TEC 551.074/TEC 551.075)

VIII. The board reconvened into Open Session 9:27 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011 to take possible action on items discussed in closed session.

A motion by Loy DeMoss and second by James Grunden to employ Jeff Percell as secondary teacher and coach for the remainder of the 2011-12 year on a 9 month probationary contract. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board upheld their previous decision concerning trespassing issue on Tiffany Parish.

IX. Adjournment

A motion by James Parker and second by Loy DeMoss to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday October 13, 2011. Motion carries unanimously.

Mary Gipson, Board President

Loy DeMoss, Board Secretary

Mary Gipson, Board President

Loy DeMoss, Board Secretary