

UNION HILL ISD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

**Members Present:**

Mary Gipson	Jackie Johnston	Sheila Johnson
James Grunden	Chuck Montgomery	
James Parker	Bobbie Mauk	

**Members Absent**

(none)

**AGENDA:**

I. Meeting opened at 6:01 P.M. Prayer: Sheila Johnson

II. Guests present were: Brad Watson and Jason Crow, Campus Principals

Mr. Chuck Montgomery spoke during the time period of Open Forum to commend Mr. Crow on his efforts to coach the boys basketball program when they needed assistance. Other board members commended Mr. Crow's efforts also.

III. Minutes from the previous meeting on January 9, 2013 were presented and reviewed.

**A motion by Mary Gipson and a second by Chuck Montgomery to approve minutes from January 9, 2014 as read. Motion carries unanimously.**

**IV. Items:**

1. The Elementary and High School Annual School Report Cards were reviewed by Mr. Watson and Mr. Crow. Both principals reported the 2013 performance index, accountability rating and the distinctive designations. Writing and Math will continue to be areas of improvement. Both principals commended their students for their hard work and their teaching staff for their long hours and hard work to insure the students receive the education they need. Supt. Richardson stated that she was impressed with the SAT/ACT scores and the high percentage of students in the recommended program. She also commended the principals, teachers/staff and the students on their efforts to succeed. Report cards were sent home to all parents.

**A motion by Mary Gipson and second by Chuck Montgomery to approve the Texas Education Agency 2012-2013 School Report Card for Union Hill ISD. Motion carries unanimously.**

2. Supt. Richardson discussed HB5 Update and EOC Re-test Results. All board members received information on update and it was reviewed in the TASB Legal conference that the members attended in Tyler. Mr. Crow explained that this spring there would be a meeting with 8th graders and their parents to discuss new criteria and options. It was also discussed that Union Hill was already offering Algebra II and that 70% of our students were taking it. Mr. Crow discussed measures such as tutorials and extra emphasis being placed on EOC re-testing.
  
3. Supt. Richardson reviewed the Financial Allocation Study for Texas Schools (FAST) report. She explained that this report compared spending index and accountability ratings of our district to other districts our size. She was very pleased that on average, our spending was low and we were in the top percentile as compared to other districts.
  
4. Supt. Richardson informed the board that she did not have any new recommendations to update the investment plan at this time. She recommends that we continue to use the policy currently in place.

**A motion by James Grunden and second by Chuck Montgomery upon the recommendation of Supt. Richardson to keep the current investment policy in place. Motion carries unanimously.**

5. Superintendent Richardson gave the board an update on the track repairs. She explained that Mr. Philips had completed the work along the outside and inside lanes. Some striping and work on the jumping areas were still in progress.

#### **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.

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| 1. District Enrollment                                    | Supt. Richardson reported that student enrollment was Elem 182 HS 126 Dist 308  |
| 2. TASB School Board Workshop<br>Tyler, February 13, 2014 | Supt. Richardson thanked the board for their participation in the Legal conference. She commended them for their efforts to serve the district. Each member will receive (5) hours toward this year's requirements. |

3. Regular Board Meeting/Open House  
March 6, 2014

Supt. Richardson reminded the board of the change in date for the regular meeting in March due to Spring Break. It will be held on March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. She also reminded them of Open House the same night and invited them to come early to visit the classrooms.
4. Equity Center Report

Supt. Richardson reported that the Law suit in Austin on behalf of the districts for financial funding purposes was just about to be finished.
5. District's PEIMS Mid Year Report  
2013-2014

Supt. Richardson reported that we had submitted our Mid-Year Peims and our Audit Report to the state as required each year.
6. School Bus Specifications

Each member received a copy of the bus specifications on the buses we are purchasing. The total cost of the buses was \$153,930.00 about \$10,000.00 less than anticipated.
7. Update Union Hill Bulldog Mascot

Supt. Richardson reported to the board that she met with Mr. Don Gross, Upshur County Sheriff's Department concerning the damage on the Bulldog. She said that they also contacted our school attorney concerning the matter. Documentation on the meeting was in their board packs.

8. 4-H Extracurricular Change

A resolution adopted by the board in past years to allow the Upshur County extension agent Jessica Stahn to act as a sponsor on behalf of Union Hill for any students at Union Hill participating in 4-H activities or classes. Since Jessica was hired as a teacher at Union Hill for the second semester of 2013-14, a new extent agent needed to be named to fulfill her duties regarding 4-H. Julie York goes on file as our new 4-H sponsor.

9. Retirement

Supt. Richardson informed the board that Ms. Audrey Mears had retired from her duties in the custodial department at Union Hill and that Stephanie Curnutt had been hired for her replacement.

**VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

1. Accounts Payable	\$ 70,262.07
2. Tax Collection	\$ 683,595.24
3. Investment Report	\$2,093,130.40
4. Cash Flow Sheet	Reviewed

**A motion by Mary Gipson and second by Bobbie Mauk to approve the financial reports. Motion carries unanimously.**

VII. Closed session was not needed.

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

**A motion by James Grunden and second by Chuck Montgomery to adjourn the meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:44 p.m. Motion carries unanimously.**

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**James Parker, Board President**

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**Jackie Johnston, Board Secretary**