

UNION HILL ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Bobbie Mauk
James Grunden

Sheila Johnson
T.J. Harris

William (Bill) Johnston

Members Absent:

James Parker
Mary Gipson

AGENDA:

- I. Meeting opened at 6:02 P.M. Prayer: Bobbie Mauk
- II. No Open Forum was needed.
- III. Minutes from the previous meetings on July 9 and July 27 2015
were presented and reviewed.

A motion by William Johnston and a second by Sheila Johnson to approve minutes from July 9 and July 27, 2015 as presented and reviewed. Motion carries unanimously.

IV. ITEMS:

- 1. Dr. Batts, Superintendent discussed with the board the proposed tax rate of \$1.04 for the 2015-16 school year. He explained the district would benefit from a higher rate, but \$1.04 is the highest rate that can be set unless a tax ratification is held.

A motion by Bill Johnston and second by Bobbie Mauk to approve the proposed tax rate of \$1.04 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion carries unanimously.

2. Superintendent Batts reviewed the Region VII contracts and the cost for their services for the 2015-16 school year. He informed the board the cost of services we wish to use would cost \$28,350.00.

A motion by T.J. Harris and second by Bobbie Mauk to approve the Region VII contracts for the 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$28,350.00. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Superintendent Batts reviewed the contracts with Interquest Canine Detection for campus visits with the board. He recommended we change the number of visits to (2) ½ day visits for the 2015-16 school year. He stated we could call them for additional visits if we thought there was a need to do so.

A motion by Bobbie Mauk and a second by Bill Johnston to approve the contract with Interquest Canine Detection as recommended for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Dr. Batts, Superintendent recommended to the board that we continue our coverage for insurance with Texas Association of School Boards. They provide excellent coverage and quality service. The cost this year is approximately \$23,000.00 for Property Insurance for the 2015-16 school year

A motion by Bill Johnston and a second by T.J. Harris to approve TASB for Property Insurance for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carries unanimously.

5. The board was presented the Student Code of Conduct administration was proposing to use for the 2015-16 school year. Dr. Batts, Superintendent, explained it was from TASB Legal and there were no changes from the previous year.

A motion by Sheila Johnson and a second by T.J. Harris to approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

6. A plan developed by Ms. Hilda Nelms, Cafeteria Director, was presented to the board about the need to increase lunch prices for the 2015-16 school year. Prices for lunch across the board would be increased by 25 cents a meal for students and adults. The increase is necessary to keep up with the rising cost of goods and services.

A motion by Bill Johnston and a second by Bobbie Mauk to approve the price increase for student and adult lunches as presented for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carries unanimously.

7. Supt. Batts, discussed with the board his desire to re-instate a student insurance policy at Union Hill. The policy would cover all students Pre-K through 12 while on school property. He presented a quote from a company at the cost of \$6,689.00 for the 2015-16 school year.

A motion by Bobbie Mauk and a second by Bill Johnston to approve providing student insurance for the 2015-16 at a cost of \$6,689.00 Motion carries unanimously.

VI. 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 (Projected 15-16) | Superintendent Batts informed the board the projected enrollment looked to increase about 10 students for the coming year. |
| 2. Accountability Ratings (2014-15) | All campuses met standards. Gold stars were received in Post Secondary Readiness and Closing the gap on Student populations. |
| 3. Back to School Information/
Professional Development | Teachers return on Monday, August 17 for teacher in-service week. Meet the Teachers will be on Thursday, August 20 from 5:00-6:30. Meet the Bulldogs Will be Friday, August 21. 5:00 p.m. Volleyball game, 6:00 p.m. football game and 6:30 food will be provided. |

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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| 1. Accounts Payable | \$ 125,441.77 |
| 2. Tax Collection | \$ 911,212.00 |
| 3. Investment Report | \$1,752,375.19 |
| 4. Cash Flow Sheet | Did not review |

A motion by Bill Johnston and second by T.J. Harris to approve the financial reports as reviewed. Motion carries unanimously

VII. The board convened into closed session at 6:34 p.m. under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, (TEC 551.074, TEC 551.075 and TEC 551.083)

VIII: The board reconvened into open session at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday August 13, 2015 to take possible action on items discussed in closed session.

A motion by Bill Johnston and second by T.J. Harris upon the recommendation of administration to employ Caleb Hensley as teacher for the 2015-2016 school year on a 10 month probationary contract. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion by Bill Johnston and second by T.J. Harris upon the recommendation of administration to employ Amy Harrel as teacher for the 2015-2016 school year on a 10 month probationary contract. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion by Bill Johnston and second by Sheila Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Motion carries unanimously.

James Grunden, Acting President

Sheila Johnson, Board Secretary