

UNION HILL ISD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2017

6:00 P.M.

**Members Present:**

James Parker            Bobbie Mauk            Rob Wren  
Chuck Montgomery    Neal Andrews

**Members Absent:**    James Grunden            Bill Johnston

**AGENDA:**

- I. Meeting opened at 6:00 P.M.            Prayer: Bobbie Mauk
- II. Recognition of Guests/Open Forum, Special Guests. Guest: Maryke Boersma and Xanthe Parker. No Open Forum was needed.
- III. Minutes from the previous meetings on January 12, 2017 were presented and reviewed. There was no board meeting in February.

**Motion by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Neal Andrews to approve minutes from January 12, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. **ITEMS:**

1. Consider Approval of Vehicle and Bus Purchase. Dr. Batts gave the Board information on purchasing a Bus, an Expedition, and a One Ton Double Cab Truck for the Ag Department.
  - a. Bus - Rush Bus quoted \$95,618.00 for a Bus and that includes the rack installed. Chuck Montgomery asked if towing is covered under warranty. This bus will be classified as an Activity Bus and move Bus 6 to a route bus.

**Motion made by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Rob Wren to purchase this bus from Rush Bus and pay up to \$95,618.00 with racks. Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Ag Truck – Postponed until September and will include it in the 17-18 School Budget
  - c. Expedition - Postponed until September and will include it in the 17-18 School Budget. Possibly relook at this in the Summer.
2. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment.

**Motion by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Neal Andrews to amend Budget line item 199-34-6631-00-001-7-22-0-00 up to \$95,618.00 for bus purchase. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consider Approval of Resolution – District of Innovation. Dr. Batts explained that if the School Board approved this, it allows Districts to have more local control over their own District. This would allow the District to set our own start date for school instead of having to wait until the State start date, 2017 State start date is August 28, 2017 and if this passes, we can start earlier. With the start date being so late, it makes the end of our semester fall right after we return from Christmas Break. This makes it hard on students testing after being gone for two weeks.

This also allows the District to have more control over Student Transfers. With the Innovation plan, it will allow the District to be able to evaluate transfers every 6 weeks and revoke the transfer if needed.

The Innovation Plan also allows more control over Teacher Certification. An example is that if we have a teacher that is certified in High School History and we need an 8<sup>th</sup> grade History Teacher, the District can allow that teacher to teach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade History while getting their certification. This would be on an individual basis for teachers.

Dr. Batts explained that all the Board has to do now is to approve the process of starting the District of Innovation, then a public hearing will be held and a Committee will be formed for the Resolution.

**A motion by Neal Andrews and a second by Bobbie Mauk to approve starting the process of a Resolution of District of Innovation. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Chuck Montgomery and Rob Wren voting against.**

Another Public Hearing is set for March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT’S INFORMATION REPORT**

1. District Enrollment: Dr. Batts reported that our enrollment is at 378.
2. District Information: Dr. Batts reported that STARR testing will be coming up in the next few weeks and Golf, Softball and Baseball are in full swing.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Karmen Kelley gave the financial report and reported the following.

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| 1. Accounts Payable  | \$ 85,807.30   |
| 2. Tax Collection    | \$ 73,068.13   |
| 3. Investment Report | \$1,525,654.60 |

No action needed.

**VII. The board convened into closed session at 7:45 p.m. under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, (TEC 551.074, TEC 551.0754 and TEC51.083)**

**VIII. The board reconvened into open session at 8:13 p.m. on Thursday March 9, 2017 to take possible action on items discussed in closed session.**

**Motion by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Neal Andrews, upon Dr. Batts recommendation, to accept the resignation for Savanna Harbor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Neal Andrews, upon Dr. Batts recommendation, to hire Mrs. Amy Young and Mrs. Penisher Carter. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Chuck Montgomery and a second by Rob Wren to nominate Dr. Batts to be placed on the Region Advisory Committee at Region 7. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion by Chuck Montgomery and second by Rob Wren to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**James Parker, President**

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**Bobbie Mauk, Board Secretary**