

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE UNION RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 17, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.
UNION RIDGE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

A regular meeting of the Union Ridge School District 86 Board of Education took place in the school cafeteria on October 17, 2019.

President Klopotoski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call by member Giannakaris the following were found to be:

Present: Mrs. Klopotoski, Mr. Styliaras, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Pissios, Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato.

A quorum was met.

Also, in attendance: Superintendent Michael Maguire and Christine Martin, recording secretary.

Members of the public in attendance: 11 members of the public attended the meeting. The sign in sheet is attached.

The floor was opened to Public comments. Public comments were as follows.

Amy Hardy – When the email was received by parents regarding the consolidation feasibility study, we were stunned. My husband and I have 3 boys, 1, the oldest graduated from Union Ridge and Ridgewood High School and 2 that are not and will not be attending Ridgewood High School. Our second son is attending Fenwick and our third son will be graduating Union Ridge this school year but will not be attending Ridgewood High School. Ridgewood in her opinion no longer has offerings that she considers a continuation of what happens at Union Ridge.

Minutes from the September 19, 2019 regular school board meeting

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2019 as presented.

Motion by: Mrs. Perna Seconded by Mrs. Pissios
Votes recorded: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0
Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Voucher List

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the voucher reports of August 2019 as presented.

Fund	Total
Education	\$ 553,718.43
Building	71,595.83
Transportation	6,589.28
IMRF	22,991.11

Motion by: Mr. Styliaras Seconded by Mrs. Perna
Votes recorded: Aye: Mrs. Klopotowski, Mr. Styliaras, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Pissios, Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato. Nay: 0 Absent: 0
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 2019 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Styliaras Seconded by Mrs. Giannakaris
Votes recorded: Aye: Mrs. Klopotowski, Mr. Styliaras, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Pissios, Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato Nay: 0 Absent: 0
Motion carried.

Ridgewood Board of Education Consolidation Feasibility Study

Mr. Maguire addressed the board and audience on the consolidation study. There was never any formal discussion or agreement by the Union Ridge administration or Board of Education to participate in the consolidation feasibility study being undertaken by Ridgewood High School. Individual board members were approached informally by individual board members from Ridgewood but not one agreed to or assented to participate in the study.

Mr. Maguire went into some of the history the Union Ridge School has regarding consolidation. He read a letter from 1986 including a resolution then to enforce consolidation by the state of Illinois. And again a push in 2011 from the Illinois Board of Education for consolidation.

Mr. Maguire stated the we don't know the exact reason why Ridgewood High School is proposing this consolidation. Mr. Styliaras stated that he has searched the meeting minutes of the Ridgewood High School and do not see a note on discussion or a vote on this issue.

Mr. Notardonato noted that what is going on at other districts should not and will not affect the education of the students in our district.

Mr. Styliaras posed a couple of questions to Mr. Maguire. What is the number of students who graduate from Union Ridge and then attend Ridgewood High School. Mr. Maguire answered that last year we had 72 graduated of those 16 or approximately 22% did not choose to attend Ridgewood High School, due to different reasons but that is a high number and high than in previous years. Mr. Styliaras also asked if Union Ridge is sharing the cost of the consolidation feasibility study. Mr. Maguire answered: No, Ridgewood High School will cover the cost of the study. The study should be completed in 4-6 months.

Board of Education Report

Principal's Report Board of Education Meeting October 17, 2019

1. Enrollment - 662
2. Transportation
 - October 4, 2019 - Kindergarten - Goebbert's Farm & Garden Center
 - October 11, 2019 - Band Students - Ridgewood High School
 - October 16, 2019 - EC/ECSE PM - Brookfield Zoo
3. Administrative Goals
 - Goal 1:
 - A. Improvement of Academic Achievement
 - Easter Seals Visit - provide services for students with disabilities.
 - October 10-11 Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences
 - Kate McKnight Visit - provide literacy professional development to teachers.
 - Goal 2:
 - A. Teaching, Learning, and Working with Technology
 - Staff Meeting - September 25 - Technology Security Session with Mr. Rodney
 - Goal 3:
 - A. Maintain a Positive, Supportive Environment for Students and Staff
 - Monster Anti-Bullying Presentation Grades 4 & 5 - October 31st
 - Norwood Park Fire Department - Truck Visit
 - New Hope Food Pantry- 12 bags
 - Fire drills
4. Upcoming school events:
 - October 17th and 18th - 8th Grade Springfield Trip
 - October 18 - PTA Fall Fest
 - October 31
 - PTA Haunted House
 - November 1 - Middle School Dance

Union Ridge School Superintendent's Board Report October 2019

1. District Finances
 - a. Update
 - b. 2019 Audit – more revenue than we spent so we are not deficit spending, no findings with the audit.
2. Buildings & Grounds
 - a. Wight Architect- Building and Grounds Walk
 - i. Possible fixing of the buildings
 - b. Landscape of Small Playground
 - i. Funded by grants – Health savings grant from the state, then state rep Martwick, Fencing in the front replacement, enclosing the small playground. Cleaning up the small playground

3. Community Involvement & Information
 - a. Letter to Community Regarding Consolidation Study – parents did call on the letter, we cannot address all the question
 - b. Preview of 2019 School Report Card – scores look good again, character of students who leave this building is also important to us. Tribute to parents’ teachers and staff of URS. Report card will be released on Oct 31
4. Other
 - a. CEC Partnership for Strategic Planning
 - i. Looking to implement a strategic plan looking towards continuous improvement.

Correspondence

- a. September Enrollment Tally – 662
- b. Monthly Report from Nurses office – 407 students
- c. Response to FOIA requests
 - i. George Ballis, dated 9/26/2019
 - ii. George Ballis, dated 10/02/2019

Old Business

Mr. Styliaras gave a report from the Union Ridge School Safety meeting. 662 students and staff exited the building safely in under 12 seconds.

There is concern about the safety PreK Afternoon session parents dropping students off in the parking lot. In order to address this the administration is working with the architect to look at incorporating a walkway between the building and the guardrails, we will be looking to use a Metropolitan Water district grant to repave and rework the parking lot and include the pathway

Mr. Styliaras also questioned about Union Ridge being awarded a Blue Ribbon 18 years ago. What are the requirements for our school to qualify and apply for a new Blue Ribbon? Mr. Maguire will look into the requirements.

Contract for Victor’s Landscaping

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the contract from Victor’s Landscaping fall clean up.

Motion by: Mrs. Giannakaris Seconded by Mr. Styliaras

Votes recorded: Aye: Mrs. Klopotoski, Mr. Styliaras, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Pissios, Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato Nay:0 Absent: 0

Motion carried.

Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for sharing of Speech Therapist with District 234

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the amended Intergovernmental Agreement for sharing of a Speech Therapist with District 234.

Motion by: Mrs. Perna Seconded by Mrs. Pissos

Votes recorded: Aye: Mrs. Klopotoski, Mr. Styliaras, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Pissios, Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato Nay: 0 Absent

Motion carried.

For the Good of the District.

There being no further business to discuss member Pissios made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Styliaras. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

UNION RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Visitors Please Sign In

Mackie Maest

Margaret Kyre

Jill and Raymond

Amy Kudy

Jane Wilde

J. Walsh

Batwani Richards

Zachary Anagnostos

Elizabeth Gardiner

Ann E. Johnson-Cope

Maria P.