

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Union Ridge School District 86 Board of Education  
September 17, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
Union Ridge School – Room 116

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President Klopotoski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**Absent:** Mr. Biel

A quorum was met.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Maguire, Principal Borner, and recording secretary Mrs. Martin.

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Recommended by the Superintendent*

Be it resolved by the Union Ridge School Board of Education to approve the August 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: Mrs. Pissios      Seconded by: Mr. Styliaras  
Votes Recorded:      Aye: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

*Recommended by the Superintendent*

Be it resolved by the Union Ridge School Board of Education to approve the Voucher list from September 2020 as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Styliaras      Seconded by: Mrs. Perna  
Votes Recorded:      Aye: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

**REPORTS**

*Board of Education*

*Principal's Report*

1. Enrollment – 642
2. Transportation – None
3. Administrative Goals
  - a. Improvement of Academic Achievement
    - i. Remote Learning Planning Day and Teacher Institute Days – Sept. 2, 3 and 4. Prior to the start of the school year we hosted a Remote Learning Planning Day, during which

the teachers finalized the learning platforms that students would use. Teachers also created “cheat sheets” and videos to assist parents in using the platforms to help their children. Teacher Institute days involved team and grade level meetings with all teaching staff. The Social Work team also attended team meetings to ensure that the social emotional wellbeing of students was being addressed.

- ii. Device and Student Materials Preparation – Devices were picked up for 100% remote students and students attending on the ‘B’ days over a 2 day period. Books for remote students were available for parents to pick up on a 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Remote teachers were on hand to help build a relationship with parents and students
  - iii. Return to School/Hybrid Schedule – After a little over a week everything seems to be going well. Students are logging in to google classroom for their remote classes and in person classes are going equally well. We will be looking at the next steps that we need to take as a school to bring more students into the building and have current students spend more time in the building.
- b. Teaching, Learning, and Working with Technology
    - i. Supporting Teachers and Students during Return to School/Hybrid Schedule. The technology team aka Mr. Rodney has been indispensable during this time assisting teachers, students and parents with all the different ‘glitches’ that come with using technology to teach. A special mention to the office staff Mrs. LoGiudice and Mrs. Marsh who have become expert at answering technology questions and problem solving over the phone.
  - c. Maintain a Positive, Supportive Environment for Students and Staff
    - i. PAWsitive Expectations – posters and videos for remote and hybrid in person students were created by the Social Work team in collaboration with former students. Our thanks to the Velisaris family for helping with this project
    - ii. PTA Support and Contributions – the Union Ridge PTA has been and invaluable resource purchasing one of the tents located on the field, supplying laundry baskets for each classroom so that students would not have to use the lockers or classroom cloak rooms but can keep their supplies with them in the classroom.

#### Upcoming school events

Teacher Institute Day, September 25, 2020.

Flu Shots, September 25, 2020 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

#### *Superintendent’s Report*

- 1. District Finances
  - a. No update at this time
- 2. School and Community
  - a. Community Leaders Meeting
  - b. CARE Covid-19 testing
  - c. Procedures and protocols -Covid-19
- 3. Buildings and Grounds
  - a. Parking Lot
  - b. Energy Efficiency – Summer Usage

- c. CARES funding – building upgrades
  - d. Tree planting
  - e. Life Safety Work
  - f. Building Deep Clean
4. Other

**Correspondence**

Enrollment 640

FOIA request. A FOIA request dated August 28, 2020 was received from Riccardo A. Mora. The FOIA requested information on Union Ridge School Board elected officials ie. Names of those whose term expires in 2021, vacancies in the 2021 election, length of term for each elected official, salaries and benefits for all elected officials, job description and qualifications for elected officials and the budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

**New Business**

*Action Items*

Recommended by the Superintendent

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve the following board policies.

- Policy 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, including Parochial and Home-School Students
- Policy 7:190 Student Behavior
- Policy 7:340 Student Records
- Policy 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies, Student Data & Privacy and Security
- Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures
- Policy 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
- Policy 7:30 Student Assignment

Motion by: Mrs. Pissios      Seconded by: Mrs. Perna  
 Votes Recorded:      Aye: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

Recommended by the Superintendent

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District 86 to approve The hiring of Nina Hesslau as a full-time K-5 teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by: Mrs. Perna      Seconded by: Mrs. Pissios  
 Votes Recorded:      Aye: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

**Adjournment**

There being no more business to come before the Board at this meeting a motion was made by Mrs. Perna and seconded by Mrs. Pissios to adjourn the meeting.

Votes Recorded:      Aye: 6      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

Meeting was adjourned by President Klopotoski at 8:17 p.m.

10/15/2020  
Date Approved

Jola Klopotoski  
Jolanta Klopotoski, President

  
Selena Giannakaris, Secretary  
Dimitrios Styliaras, Secretary Pro tem

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