

UNADILLA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014 IN THE
UV LIBRARY AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Cooper, J. Elliott, T. Emrich, J. Gray, V. Gregory, W. King, Sr., and K. Rumovicz

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Mackey, Superintendent, C. Harper, Elementary Principal, Lee Supensky, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, M. Brown, Business Official, and D. Taylor, District Clerk

VISITORS: D. Taranto and D. Dibbell
Student: J. Parker

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Cooper followed by a salute to the flag.

POSITIVE POINTS HIGHLIGHTED by S. Cooper, Board President

Positive
Points

- ▶ Recognized and thanked Donna Taylor for her work in the district as Superintendent's Secretary and District Clerk in honor of Administrative Professionals' Day on April 23.
- ▶ Extended a thank you to Lisa Rifanburg, Stacey Wood, Sherry Backman, Ashleigh Mix and Katie Lloyd for their tremendous efforts in providing coverage and support to our elementary staff and students.
- ▶ ELA Grade 3-8 state tests were completed. The testing ran smoothly thanks to those on the planning committee. Mrs. Cooper extended the Board's appreciation to teachers and staff, including the team providing make-up testing and accommodations for our students with 504 or IEP plans.
- ▶ Congratulations to junior Niarra Borden for being selected to participate in the 2014 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference.
- ▶ Congratulations to the following UV students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society:
 - ... Lane Anson - New Vision Allied Health
 - ... Melinda Dixson - New Vision Allied Health
 - ... Kiran Borst - Culinary Arts
 - ... Megan Gould - CNA Program
- ▶ Congratulations to the 10 new members of the National Senior Honor Society who were inducted on March 26. New inductees: Emily Anderson, Abby Avolio, Alexandra Bodie, Kaleigh Fairchild, Katlyne Gad, Nicole Gramstad, Hunter Lakin, Will Martin, Derrick Schwab and Michael Weis.
- ▶ Congratulations to the 19 new members of the National Junior Honor Society who were inducted on March 20. New inductees: Benjamin Avolio, Erin Brooks,

Victoria Bullen, Teresa Burghardt, Holly Carpenter, Andrew Grace, Andrew Jackson, Erin Kelly, Oliver Kuhn, Harley Madden, Gabriella Potter, Rebecca Ruffino, Sierra Schrag, Madelyn Stone, Breanna Thall, Tara Tilley, Alanna White, Kirsten White and Austin VanDyke.

Positive
Points
Continued

- ▶ Recognized the students who participated in the All-County Spring Festival on March 14 and 15. Elementary chorus: Sophia Chery, Mara Wood, Meegan White, Raylynn Kuhn, Maria Ackerman, Alyssa Manwarren, and Leah Gorrell. Junior Band: Gabby Bodie, Mersadie Dibbell, Charlie Ackerman, Rebecca Ruffino and Breanna Thall. Senior Band: Kacey Strong.
- ▶ Congratulations to senior art students Haley Benson and Morgan Crump who exhibited pieces from their senior portfolios at the 8th Annual Student Art Showcase sponsored by the Jericho Arts Council in Bainbridge March 22-28.
- ▶ A thank you was extended to the APPR Committee who worked diligently to revise the teacher and leader evaluation.
- ▶ Athletics
 - ... Congratulations to David Dufresne who was chosen as a 1st Team All Star Section IV basketball player by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York State.
 - ... Congratulations to Nicole Mackey who broke the school record for the Women's 3000M race at the NY/Penn Invitational Track Meet in Windsor on April 5. She ran a 12:37.56 to beat the previous record set in 2008 by 11 seconds.
- ▶ President Cooper read a letter from Assemblyman Bill Magee thanking Superintendent Mackey for sending him a copy of the Resolution calling for the "Immediate Elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment" which the Board adopted on March 17. The letter stated: "*This resolution echoes the concerns of many school superintendents within my district, and I am in agreement that the GEA is harmful and has served its intended purpose.*" Mrs. Cooper stated that she appreciated Mr. Mackey taking that action.
- ▶ Mrs. Rumovicz reported that she attended a NYSSBA workshop with Mr. Mackey, Mr. Harper and Mrs. Meredith. Mr. Mackey gave an excellent presentation on *The UV Journey to a Professional Learning Community*. She said it was a positive conference and great experience. Mr. Mackey did a great job; his presentation was energetic and enthusiastic.
- ▶ Mr. King reported that Kyle King from Edmeston and Jared Hansmaier from UV were Section IV All Stars and recently traveled to Italy.
- ▶ Mrs. Emrich reported that the Little League season had started and that 115 kids, ages 5-12, were signed up to participate. A parade will be held on May 3 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The concession stand will be open.

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1

Voice #1

Board President Cooper reminded those attending about the guidelines for public participation at Board meetings.

- ▶ Mr. D. Dibbell thanked Board members for their service to the district. He addressed the Board regarding the school budget, taxes, and controlling total cost.

PRESENTATION - Eagle Scout Project

Presentation
by Jed
Parker/
Eagle Scout
Project

Jed Parker introduced himself to the Board and stated that he is a Junior at UV and a member of the Sherburne Boy Scout Troop. Due to his love for baseball, Jed explained that he is interested in making improvements to the baseball field as his Eagle Scout project. He asked the Board for their input regarding the project and fundraising. Mr. Elliott suggested that Jed attend the next Community Facilities meeting scheduled for mid-May because the proposed building project may already include some improvements to the baseball field. Mr. King asked Jed to provide Mrs. Taylor with his list of possible improvements so that she can email it to Board members. Mr. Mackey stated that Jed would be working with Mr. Beadle on the project. Mrs. Cooper asked Jed to periodically update the Board and thanked him for his dedication to the district.

APPROVALS

Upon motion made by V. Gregory seconded by W. King, Sr., the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2014, as printed.

Board Minutes
Approved

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Upon motion made by J. Gray, seconded by V. Gregory, the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2014 was approved, as submitted.

Treasurer's
Report
Approved

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by J. Elliott, the Board reviewed and accepted the following Special Education Minutes, as submitted.

Special Education
Minutes Reviewed
& Accepted

A. 504	02/13/14, 02/25/14, 03/04/14, 03/13/14, and 03/27/14
B. CPSE	03/13/14 AND 03/26/14
C. CSE	02/06/14, 02/11/14, 02/15/14, 03/06/14, and 03/20/14

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays CARRIED

REPORTS TO BOARD - Written reports submitted as follows:

Reports to Board

Christopher Harper - Elementary Principal

Mr. Harper/
Elementary
Principal

Topics included: Celebrations; Elementary Spring Concert on May 29; and The first Family, Food, Fun and Fitness program (formerly ABC night) will be held on May 29 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (further details were noted in the Positive Points)

Topics further discussed:

- ▶ Mr. Harper reported that he attended NYSSBA's Student Achievement Institute on April 12. Mr. Mackey gave a presentation and "put our school district on the map." Those attending spoke very highly of his presentation.

- ▶ The first Family, Food, Fun & Fitness program (formerly ABC night) is scheduled for May 29 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. This is a community event for children and adults and will be more health-oriented. Mr. Harper is hopeful that more people for stay for the Elementary concert which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Franklin Johnson - Secondary Principal

Topics included: Positive Points (APPR Committee); NYS ELA Exams; Parent "Mind-Set"; National Technical Induction Ceremony; French Club Trip; Technology Committee; and Engage NY (further details were noted in the Positive Points)

Mr. Johnson/
Secondary
Principal

Topics further discussed:

- ▶ It was noted that Kevin Nial organized the second parent meeting held on March 25. The topic was "Parent Mind-Set" based on the work of author Carol Dweck, presented by Nan Gizowski of DCMO BOCES. The next parent meeting is scheduled in May which will cover the topic of "Academics in the off-season."
- ▶ In regard to the videotaping for Engage NY scheduled for April 22 and 23, Mr. Harper noted that teachers Amy Williams, Julie Koster, Denise Wright, and Glenda Vatovec were being filmed for the video series.
- ▶ Students from UV attended the French Club trip (April 11 - 19). Jed Parker reported that he had a great time and particularly enjoyed visiting Normandy.

Lee Supensky - Special Education Report

Topics included: Athletic achievements & state testing 3-8 ELA (further details were noted in the Positive Points)

Mr. Supensky/
Director of Pupil
Personnel Services

Michael Brown, School District Treasurer

Reports included:

- ▶ Appropriation/Revenue Status Reports for General, School Lunch, and Special Aid Fund - 3/31/14
- ▶ Extra-classroom Activity Fund Balance Report - 3/31/14
- ▶ Budget Transfers - 3/31/14
- ▶ Internal Claims Auditor Report - 3/31/14

Topics included: State Building Aid; Administrative Review; New York State-School Technology Voucher Program

Mr. Brown/
Business Official

Topics further discussed:

- ▶ Mr. Brown further reported that an Administrative review of our School Lunch Program will be conducted on May 21. Cafeteria staff members are working hard gathering the information for review.
- ▶ In regard to the State Building Aid, Mr. Brown reported that, according to an update from Senator Seward, the senate "extended a moratorium on the building aid assumed amortization interest rate change." This is good news for UV.
- ▶ Mr. Brown reported that UV will be audited on how we calculate our Real Property Tax Report Card.

- ▶ Mr. Brown explained the New York State-School Voucher Program and how our school is eligible to receive \$57,892 to reimburse us for a new computer lab in the elementary building. Software that is a research-based, computer adaptive reading assessment program is also being purchased and includes professional development and implementation training.

The above written reports will be kept on file in the District Office for a retention period of three years.

Reports on
File for 3 Years

Jed Parker leaves at 7:48 p.m.

J. Parker Leaves

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by J. Elliott, recommendations A through D were presented for approval. Discussion followed.

Superintendent's
Recommendations

V. Gregory moved to amend the previous motion by tabling recommendations A 1, A 4 & D and presenting recommendations A 2, A 3, B & C for approval. Seconded by J. Elliott. Motion carried as amended 7-0.

- A. That Personnel Recommendations A 2 and A 3 be accepted in accordance with the attached listing, identified as Exhibit "A."
- B. That the Board adopt the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year, as printed.
- C. That the Board approve the Parochial transportation requests for the 2014-2015 school year, per the attached listing.

Personnel Rec
Accepted

2014-15 School
Calendar Adopted

Parochial Transportation
Requests Approved

VOTE (A 2, A 3, B & C): Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Corres/Communications

A. Superintendent's Update:

1. Board/Administrators' Talking Points:

Talking Points

- ▶ Mr. Mackey reported that NYSSBA is partnering with NSBA to provide a new service, National Connection. Board members were given information for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Mackey asked Board members for comments regarding enrolling for the service.

2. CCSBA - Spring Dinner & Award Ceremony - April 22

The Chenango County School Boards Association will hold its Annual Spring Dinner and Award Ceremony at Fred's Inn on April 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bob, Sandy, John, Kristin, Vicky, Tammie, and Bill are scheduled to attend.

3. Invitation - End of Year Dinner

Board members were given invitations to the End of Year Dinner which will be held on Friday, June 6, at the American Legion Post 189 in Norwich beginning at 6:00 p.m. Retirees being honored are Barb Murphy, Connie Pounds, and Sue Parry. The deadline for reservations is May 7.

4. Presentation of 2014-2015 Budget

Superintendent Mackey gave a video presentation of the proposed 2014-2015 budget. Highlights of the presentation included:

- ▶ What's in it for our kids?
 - ... A Learning Community
 - ... Develop a Passion for Learning
 - ... Sports, Clubs & Extras
- ▶ Has the school been responsible with our money?
 - ... Working with unions and retirees, we have brought the cost of health insurance down for them and for our district.
 - ... Leasing buses will save tax dollars in interest paid and long term maintenance costs.
 - ... Reduce reserve use
 - ... Sharing services with other schools
 - ... Sharing more services with BOCES
 - ... Sharing SRO with the Town of New Berlin
 - ... Student enrollment up 5.4% from 13-14 projections to 14-15 projections.
 - ... Staffing up 4.3% due to mandated staffing requirements for some students.
 - ... Continue to implement CCSS and APPR without increased costs in our budget.
- ▶ CPI trend since 2009 (2.29% - 1.46%)
- ▶ UV tax increase trend since 2009 (our proposed tax increased is .83% under our tax cap this year).
- ▶ Recognized by the State Education Department for successful implementation of CCSS and APPR.
- ▶ Students can access over 90 credit hours of college courses within our classrooms.
- ▶ Students can earn or nearly earn a 2-year college degree for under \$3,000.
- ▶ Nearly 20% increase in graduation rate since 2006.
- ▶ Creating college and career ready graduates that can go out and conquer the world.

Video Presentation
of the 2014-2015
Proposed Budget
Given by
Superintendent
Mackey

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Superintendent's RecommendationD. Resolution to Adopt 2014-2015 Budget

V. Gregory made a motion to take recommendation D from the table and presented the following resolution for adoption:

Budget Resolution
Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed Unadilla Valley School budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$21,037,359.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve Unadilla Valley's Real Property Tax Report Card, as printed.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

NEW BUSINESSResolution to Approve the 2014-2015 BOCES Budget

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by W. King, Sr., the following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Unadilla Valley Central School District Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$2,136,359.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Resolution to
Approve BOCES
Budget
Adopted

Vote for BOCES Board Members

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by W. King, Sr., the following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Unadilla Valley Central School District Board of Education does hereby cast one vote for each of the following candidates to serve on the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Board of Education.

Richard Dillon	Linda Zaczek
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VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

One Vote Cast
for each
BOCES
Board
Candidates/
Dillon & Zaczek

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2

Board President Cooper reminded those in attendance about the guidelines regarding public participation at Board meetings.

- ▶ D. Dibbell addressed the Board regarding the budget, taxes and careful stewardship.

Voice #2

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. J. Elliott made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, or promotion of particular persons, and to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. Mr. Mackey and Mr. Supensky were invited to attend for the beginning of the session. Motion seconded by W. King, Sr.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Executive
Session

UNADILLA VALLEY PLEDGE

The Board recited the Unadilla Valley Pledge prior to entering executive session:

We are proud, independent, smart, and strong.
We take responsibility for our actions and act in a responsible way.
We are courteous and considerate and treat others the way we want to be treated.
We strive to learn from each other and allow others to learn without being disturbed.
We always give our best to our community, our families, our peers, and ourselves

Unadilla
Valley Pledge

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by J. Elliott, the Board returned to regular session at 8:47 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Return to
Regular Session

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

K. Rumovicz moved to take personnel recommendation A 1 from the table and present for approval. Motion seconded by J. Elliott.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

Personnel Rec
A 1 Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

At 8:53 p.m. W. King, Sr. made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, or promotion of particular persons, and to discuss the Superintendent's Contract and evaluation. Motion seconded by J. Gray.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Return to Regular Session

Upon motion made by V. Gregory, seconded by J. Elliott, the Board returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0 CARRIED

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel Rec A 4 Approved with noted change

K. Rumovicz moved to take personnel recommendation A 4 from the table and present for approval with the following change: remove L. Brill as a substitute teacher and approve only as a substitute teacher aide. Motion seconded by T. Emrich

VOTE: Ayes 6 Nays 1 CARRIED
(Gregory)

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Donna Taylor*
Donna Taylor, District Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
Board Meeting of April 21, 2014

***Conditional Appointment Pending Results of Fingerprinting**

A. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS - Exhibit "A"

1. Resignations

Name	Position	Effective Date
Thomas Locke	Math Teacher	June 30, 2014
Jon T. Miller, Sr.	Art Teacher	June 30, 2014
Amalia Skandalis	Art Teacher	June 30, 2014
Julie Koster	English Teacher	June 30, 2014

2. Appoint Long-Term Substitute Teachers

Name	Title/Position	Effective Dates	Certification	Rate of Pay
Melissa J. Perry	Long-term substitute for Special Education	03/25/2014 - 06/30/2014	NYS Professional Certification: *Students w/Disabilities (1-6) & *Childhood Education (1-6) Effective: 09/01/2012	\$165/day
Dana Gilgan	Long-term substitute for Foreign Language	03/31/2014 - 06/30/2014	NYS Professional Certification: *English to Speakers of Other Languages *Childhood Education (1-6)	\$135/day
Ashleigh Mix	Long-term substitute for Reading/Literacy	04/07/2014 - 06/30/2014	NYS Professional Certification in Childhood Education (1-6)	\$135/day

3. Approve Volunteer

***Conditional Appointment Pending Results of Fingerprinting**

Name	Program
*Kim Lakin	Weight Room Volunteer

4. Approve Substitutes & Tutor for 2013-2014

***Conditional Appointment Pending Results of Fingerprinting**

Teacher	*Kyle LaFever
Teacher Aide	Colleen Rogers, *Loretta Brill
Tutor	Christine Connor

2014-2015 School Calendar

September 2014						
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- September**
- 1 Labor Day
- 2 Staff Development Day & Back to School Night
- 3 First Day for Students
- October**
- 9 6-12 Parent Conferences
- 6-12 Students Dismiss at 11:15
- 10 Staff Development Day
- 13 Columbus Day
- November**
- 11 Veteran's Day
- ?? PK-5 Dismissed at 11:15 for Parent Conferences
- 26 - 28 Thanksgiving Recess
- December**
- 22 - 31 Christmas Recess
- January**
- 1 - 2 Christmas Recess
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 - 29 Regents Exams
- 30 Staff Development Day
- All Students Dismiss at 11:15
- February**
- 13 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- All Students Dismiss at 11:15
- 16 - 20 Winter Recess
- March**
- 13 Staff Development Day
- 30-31 Spring Recess
- April**
- 1-3 Spring Recess
- 14-16 NYS ELA Exams 3-8
- 22-24 NYS Math Exams 3-8
- 28 Staff Development Day
- May**
- 25 Memorial Day
- June**
- 1 - 4th & 8th Grade Science

-  Students Dismissed at 11:15
-  Regents/State Exams
-  No School-Recess/Holiday
-  No School for Students-Conference Day
-  Pre K - 5 Parent Teacher Conferences

90	Semester 1 Student Days
2	Semester 1 Conference Days
92	Semester 1 Total Days
91	Semester 2 Student Days
3	Semester 2 Conference Days
94	Semester 2 Total Days
186	Total School Days

If there are two emergency closing days remaining at the end of the day on January 23, there will be school on March 13.
 If there one emergency day left at the end of the day on February 3 there will be school on February 18 - 20.
 If we use more emergency days than available after March 16, we will plan on being in school starting with April 10 and then working backwards until we have made up enough days to be in school at least 180 days by June 25.

Conference Day Details:

September 2, 2014 - Staff Report at 11 AM, Back to School Night 5:00-6:30 PM
October 9, 2014 - 6-12 students only dismissed at 11:15 AM for parent-teacher conferences (no lunch served). Students in Pre K - 5th grade will remain in school for the full day.
November ?? & ??, 2014 -Students in Pre-K - 5th grade dismissed at 11:15 for parent-teacher conferences. Students in grades 6 - 12 will be in school for a full day.