

**Union School District #81
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2006**

I. Call to order

Motion by AH, 2nd by DB called the August board meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.
Members present were: Mr. David Butterfield, Mrs. Cindy DelSasso, Mrs. Nancy Lamb, Mr. John LaRocca, and Mr. Adam Hauert. Others present: Mrs. Barbara Littlejohn.
Members absent: Mr. Tim Mayo and Mr. Keith Kuzma.

II. Closed Session

Motion by AH, 2nd by DB to go into closed session. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays.
Motion Carried.

Roll Call: David Butterfield, Cindy DelSasso, Nancy Lamb, John LaRocca and Adam Hauert. Members absent: Tim Mayo and Keith Kuzma.

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to end closed session at 7:37 p.m. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

III. Call to Order

Mr. Hauert led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: David Butterfield, Cindy DelSasso, Nancy Lamb, John LaRocca and Adam Hauert. Member Absent: Tim Mayo and Keith Kuzma.

IV. Consent Agenda A

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to approve the Consent Agenda A of August 16, 2006. Roll Call Vote: AH, JL, DB, CD, NL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Open and closed session minutes from July 12, 2006
- b. Destroy verbatim recording of closed session January 2005
- c. Keep executive session minutes closed from January 2006-June 2006

V. Consent Agenda B

Motion by JL, 2nd by AH to approve the consent agenda B of August 16, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: JL, AH, DB, CD, NL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Balance sheet of July 31, 2006
- c. Budget Comparison of July 31, 2006

Payroll & Bills

- d. July 2006 Payroll in the amount of \$43,372.71
- e. Payment of vouchers for August 2006 in the amount of \$52,402.59

VI. Communication/Freedom of Information

No comments were made.

Mrs. Littlejohn reported to the board a request for information on the cost of Transportation. Mrs. Littlejohn stated that a copy of the intergovernmental agreement has been forwarded to the requesting party.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Renovation-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the board members had received hard copies of the bid proposal for the washroom renovation and city sewer/water hook up. Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board to approve the bid tonight.

Bus Lease-Mrs. Littlejohn reported that the new 47 passenger bus will be ready for pick up in Kankakee on Thursday, August 24, 2006.

Tentative Budget 2006-2007-Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board to review the summary found on page 3. The board reviewed the expenditures versus the EAV. Mr. Butterfield asked about the bus purchase and Mrs. Littlejohn replied that the bus will be reimbursed from the State somewhere between forty-five and sixty percent. Mrs. Littlejohn recommended the board hold a budget hearing on September 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Handbook Changes-Mrs. Littlejohn included in her Superintendent report the changes that were recommended by the school attorney, Mrs. Susan Glover.

Athletic Handbook Changes-Mrs. Littlejohn included in her Superintendent report the changes that were recommended by the school attorney, Mrs. Susan Glover. Mrs. DelSasso asked Mrs. Littlejohn about the policy for electronic devices. Mr. Butterfield added that the school district is not responsible for loss.

Registration Day-74% turn out for registration. Mrs. Canaday will continue to get in touch with the families that have not been in.

Scott Nemanich-Mr. Nemanich is a lobbyist and lawyer that seeks federal and state money for school districts. Items that should be considered for renovations would be roofing, gym floor, bleachers and HVAC. Mr. LaRocca suggested to the board a list of such items and ask Mr. Nemanich.

Activity Fund-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the audit firm recommends the consolidation of the Activity Fund. The Activity Fund, since its inception in 1998, had consisted of 7 different groups under one checking account number. Since most items are a wash, it was recommended to combine the funds into one fund. The establishment of the Petty Cash fund last year has helped immensely. Action is recommended tonight.

Personnel-Mrs. Littlejohn asked approval for items discussed in closed session.

IASB Code of Conduct-Mrs. Littlejohn stated that the Code of Conduct is enclosed in the board packet. The Code of Conduct is distributed every year.

Other-Mrs. Lamb asked Mrs. Littlejohn about the classroom preparations. Mrs. Littlejohn reported that she has seen most of the teachers and several of the classrooms are ready at this time. Mrs. Littlejohn reminded the board of the upcoming maternity leave for second grade. Mr. Butterfield added that the family leave act could concur with the sick days the employee has remaining.

VIII. Action

Motion by DB, 2nd by JL to approve the bid for washroom renovations and water/sewer hook-up. Roll Call Vote: DB, JL, CD, NL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by DB to approve the tentative 2006-2007 budget, place on display and set budget hearing for September 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m. in the school Library. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Discussion from Mr. LaRocca about inviting Mr. Nemanich to the September board meeting. Mr. LaRocca stated that the board should put together a list of large ticket items that the school needs to accomplish in the near future. The list would include items such as roofing, HVAC, gym floor, and ask for some grant assistance.

Table the hiring of Scott Nemanich.

Motion by AH, 2nd by DB to approve Superintendent contract for the 2006 through 2011 school year. Roll Call Vote: AH, DB, CD, NL, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by DB, 2nd by NL to approve the consolidation of Activity Fund to one fund. Roll Call Vote: DB, NL, CD, JL, AH. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by AH, 2nd by NL to approve personnel issues which include a resignation letter from Mr. Chris Underhill, who subsequently never started teaching but had a signed contract, and approve the hiring of Mr. David Caamano for sixth grade teacher. Roll Call Vote: AH, NL, DB, CD, JL. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Discussion on part-time position for custodial work. Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board for approval to begin looking for a part-time person for night time hours. Mr. Butterfield stated that \$10.00 an hour and possibly four hours a day would be a start but stated that Mrs. Littlejohn would be able to make the decision. Dr. Dombrowski stated that Mrs. Littlejohn could offer contractual services and no benefits.

Motion by AH, 2nd by JL to request legal council for residency verification that was discussed in closed session. Roll Call Vote: AH, JL, DB, CD, NL. All ayes. No nays.

Mrs. Littlejohn stated that a grandparent, that is a resident of Union 81, is obtaining guardianship of her two grandchildren. The court date is in September however the grandparent would like to have the children begin school at the start of the year. Mrs. Littlejohn asked the board if they would allow the children to start with the stipulation that the grandparents pay out-of-district tuition if the court order does not get approved.

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Mr. Butterfield would like Mrs. Littlejohn to look into purchasing caps for the students of Union School. Mr. Butterfield stated that this would build team spirit and pride in the students. Mrs. Littlejohn will look into the purchase and report to the board in September.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by AH, 2nd by DB to adjourn the August 2006 Board Meeting at 8:58 p.m.
Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Mr. Adam Hauert, President

Mr. John LaRocca, Secretary