

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ELECTORS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012—ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA—7:00 PM**

(Not official until Board approved)

In Attendance: Board members present: *Debbie Ince-Peterson, Chad Stenberg, Sheryl Holmgren, and James Beistle.* Administration present: *Brandon Robinson, Jason Cress, Elizabeth Jorgensen, and Zack Fugate.* Others present: *Lori Anderson, Jim Edgell, Missie Sogge, Diane Mares, Tim Mares, Lynda Olds, Cheryl Netwall, Karoline White, Karen Paulsen, Rory Paulsen, Aleta Anderson, Kyle Hammers, Sara Mattson, Jeanne Alling, Adam Bever, Shawn Perkins, Dawn Perkins, Mark Leach, Melanie Hogan, Debbie Petzel, Cara Holicky, Bob Blomgren, Mike Bielmeier, Rhonda Hansch, Jodie Anderson, Sharon Stoll, Joey Nelson, Mary Stirrat, Joy Rubin, Kim Butler, Laurie Paulsen, Craig Zipperer, Linda Leidle, Shannon Grindell, Kara Holden, and Deb Paulsen.*

The budget hearing was called to order by Board of Education Chairperson Debbie Ince-Peterson, who extended a welcome and thank you to all in attendance.

Sheryl Holmgren nominated Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, seconded by Chad Stenberg; there being no other nominations, Jim Edgell moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chair, seconded by Dawn Perkins. On nominations duly made and seconded, Debbie Ince-Peterson was elected to chair the Annual Meeting.

Chad Stenberg made a motion, seconded by Tim Mares to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of October 24, 2011 as written.

Debbie Ince-Peterson opened the budget hearing with an introduction of District Administrator Brandon Robinson. The District Mission Statement and Goals for the 2012-13 school year were reviewed, as well as district initiatives. Mr. Robinson explained to the audience the importance of these factors when creating the 2012-13 Proposed Budget and Levy.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2012-13 Proposed Budget and Levy. District Administrator Robinson gave the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the ending 2011-12 budget. June 30, 2012 year end revenue and expenses were reviewed for funds 10, 27, 29, 38, 39, 50, 73, 80, 83, 84, and 85.

Review of the 2012-13 operational budget began with a comparison of 2011-12 to 2012-13 Basic Budget Information. The membership count shows a reduction, therefore giving the District a declining enrollment exemption of \$176,395. Also impacting budget considerations were decreased equalized valuation, decreased total aid of over 13% (consisting of high poverty aid and general aid), and a decreased revenue limit; special notice was given to the fact that general aid has been reduced 59.1% since 2006. The revenue limit worksheet summary was also reviewed and gave a comparison from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

The budget plan was presented, listing budget changes and debt service information. It was noted that the health insurance plan changes, along with increased employee contributions to health insurance and retirement created a savings of \$610,811 for the District. Additionally, Mr. Robinson pointed out that this is the final year to utilize Microsoft Settlement Funds, which will contribute \$53,781 to the budget.

Closing the budget review, Mr. Robinson commented on Unity's decreased state aid, explaining that a large part of funding is based on property valuation. This is to our detriment, as property values in the District are higher than the state average. Mr. Robinson also noted the 2012-13 proposed budget is supported by only 14% state aid.

The 2012-13 proposed budget was reviewed showing general fund revenue of \$12,149,143, and general fund expenditures of \$12,149,143.

There being no further questions or comments, Chairperson Debbie Ince-Peterson closed this portion of the budget hearing and brought forth resolutions on which to act.

Resolution No. 1. Sheryl Holmgren made a motion, seconded by Chad Stenberg to adopt the resolution that the School Board of the Unity School District be authorized to adopt a tax levy of \$10,534,390 for the 2012-13 school year (subject to equalized aid and certification of the levy in October, 2012); motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2. Chad Stenberg made a motion to adopt the resolution by the electors of Unity School District setting Board annual salaries at \$1400 each, with \$25 per diem per meeting and mileage at IRS rate; motion

seconded by Dawn Perkins. Jim Edgell suggested that instead of paying the annual salary, board members should be paid \$125 for each board meeting they attend. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 3. Sheryl Holmgren made a motion, seconded by Adam Bever to authorize the Board of Education to sell property belonging to and no longer needed by the District. Diane Mares questioned the definition of "property," to which Mr. Robinson clarified as equipment and supplies that mainly are sold through the garage sale. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 4. Chad Stenberg made a motion, seconded by Sheryl Holmgren, to authorize the School Board to defend or prosecute any action in which the District is implicated, and to hire proper personnel for such action; motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 5. Jim Beistle made a motion, seconded by Lori Anderson, to authorize the School Board to provide accident insurance for students; motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 6. A motion was made by Sheryl Holmgren, seconded by Craig Zipperer to authorize the Board of Education to short term borrow funds as needed for cash flow purposes; motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 7. Tim Mares made a motion, seconded by Mike Bielmeier, that the 2013 Annual Meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in October, 2013 (October 28, 2013) preceded by the Budget Hearing; motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on items from the floor under Wisconsin Statutes 120.10. No discussion or comments were presented.

Jim Beistle made a motion, seconded by Sharon Stoll, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned (7:35 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Paulsen
Recording Secretary

Kelly A. Bakke, Clerk

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