

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ELECTORS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016—ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA—7:00 PM**

*(Not official until Board approved)*

***In Attendance:*** Board members present: *Debbie Ince-Peterson, Sheryl Holmgren, Pat Kastens, Ryan Peterson, Kelly Bakke, and James Beistle.* Administration present: *Brandon Robinson, Jason Cress, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Kara Holden and Zack Fugate.* Others present: *Melanie Hogan, Mary Stirrat, Cole Ratajazack, Lisa Robinson, Kay Dorrance, Stephen Dorrance, Jennifer Cebery, Sam Rivers, Christa Ross, Shawn Perkins, Jake Lee, Sharon Stoll, Dawn Perkins, Leslie Waggoneer, Craig Zipperer, Mike Bielmeier, Jeanne Alling, Neil Kline, Jerry Larsen, and Lisa Benson.*

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.

Pat Kastens nominated Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, seconded by Sheryl Holmgren. There being no other nominations, Pat Kastens moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chair, seconded by James Beistle. On nominations duly made and seconded, Debbie Ince-Peterson was elected to chair the Annual Meeting.

Ryan Peterson made a motion, seconded by Pat Kastens to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of October 26, 2015 as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and Levy. District Administrator, Brandon Robinson, gave the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the ending 2015-16 budget. June 30, 2016 year-end revenue and expenses were reviewed for all funds.

Debbie Ince-Peterson opened the budget hearing with an introduction of District Administrator, Brandon Robinson. The District Mission Statement and Goals for the 2016-17 school year were reviewed. Mr. Robinson also explained some of the important factors that go into creating the 2016-17 Proposed Budget and Levy.

A review of the 2015-16 operational budget began with a comparison of the 2015-16 to 2016-17 Basic Budget Information. The School District Budget included the facilities referendum.

The budget plan was presented, listing budget changes and debt service information. 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. He also outlined the Facilities Referendum Information.

The 2016-17 proposed budget was reviewed showing general fund revenue of \$12,809,384 and general fund expenditures of \$12,809,384.

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 Pat Kastens to adopt the resolution that the School Board be authorized to adopt a tax levy of \$10,935,231 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Resolution No. 2. Sam Rivers made a motion to adopt the resolution by the electors of Unity School District setting Board annual salaries at \$1400 each, with \$50 per diem per meeting and mileage at IRS rate; motion seconded by Mike Bielmeier. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 3. James Beistle made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson to authorize the Board of Education to lease property belonging to the District. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 4. Kelly Bakke made a motion, seconded by Pat Kastens, 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. Sheryl Holmgren made a motion, seconded by Kelly Bakke to authorize the School Board to rent, lease, purchase, and/or acquire property necessary for School District purpose(s). Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 6. Pat Kastens made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson to authorize the Board of Education to provide accident insurance for students. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 7. Sheryl Holmgren made a motion, seconded by Kelly Bakke, authorizing the School Board to short-term borrow funds as needed for cash flow purposes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 8. Pat Kastens made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson that the 2017 Annual Meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in October (October 23, 2017) 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 further discussion or comments were presented.

James Beistle made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned (7:41 pm).

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Benson  
Recording Secretary

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Patricia Kastens, Clerk