

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ELECTORS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020—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 Kamish, Jeromy Cox, and James Beistle.* Administration present: *Brandon Robinson, William DeWitt, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Kara Holden, Carol Kline and Zack Fugate.* Others present: *Jennifer Cebery, Sharon Stoll, Dawn Perkins, Mray Strirrat, Craig Zipperer, Alex Plum and Amanda Warner.*

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

Jeromy Cox made a motion, seconded by Kelly Kamish to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of October 28, 2019 as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and Levy. District Administrator, Brandon Robinson, gave the Treasurer's Report, reviewing the ending 2019-20 budget. June 30, 2020 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 2020-2021 school year were reviewed. Mr. Robinson also explained some of the important factors that go into creating the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and Levy.

A review of the 2019-20 operational budget began with a comparison of the 2019-20 to 2020-2021 Basic Budget Information.

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.

The 2020-2021 proposed budget was reviewed showing general fund revenue of \$13,815,694.00 and general fund expenditures of \$13,815,694.00.

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 Ryan Peterson, to adopt the resolution that the School Board be authorized to adopt a tax levy of \$10,772,713 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Resolution No. 2. Zack Fugate made a motion to adopt the resolution by the electors of Unity School District setting Board annual salaries at \$3000 each, with \$50 per diem per meeting and mileage at IRS rate; motion seconded by Dawn Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 3. Ryan Peterson made a motion, seconded by Kelly Kamish to authorize the Board of Education to lease property belonging to the District. Motion carried by voice vote. Passed as read.

Resolution No. 4. Sheryl Holmgren made a motion, seconded by Jeromy Cox, 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. Kelly Kamish made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson 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. James Beistle made a motion, seconded by Sheryl Holmgren to authorize the Board of Education to provide accident insurance for students. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 7. Pat Kastens made a motion, seconded by Ryan Peterson, authorizing the School Board to short-term borrow funds as needed for cash flow purposes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 8. Ryan Peterson made a motion, seconded by Sheryl Holmgren that the 2021 Annual Meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in October (October 25, 2021) preceded by the Budget Hearing. The School Board is authorized to change the date as they deem necessary. 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 Kelly Kamish, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned (7:40 pm).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Warner
Recording Secretary

Patricia Kastens, Clerk