

Underhill I.D. School Board

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 27 October 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Underhill ID Elementary School, Jericho

Present: Robert Letovsky (Chair), Valerie Banschbach, Leslie Kanat, Tari Santor, Co-Superintendent John Alberghini, and Principal Cindy Mackin.

Public: Lynne Robbins, Scott Cole, Patricia Gray McGlaughlin, and Leah Rowe.

Invited: Joanne Machia

1) Public comment.

The flu clinic will be rescheduled; consent forms will remain valid for a yet-to-be-determined date. Question about baked goods: CESU Policy H3-1 relates to allergies. For school parties, room mothers were advised to bring nutritious foods, with appropriate labels, in order to avoid peanut and tree nut ingredients. Home baked goods are not allowed to be brought to class parties.

2) First review of the 2010-11 Budget.

Questions regarding the textbooks, transportation, healthcare, and staffing lines of the budget were addressed by Principal Cindy Mackin and Joanne Machia. Principal Cindy Mackin indicates that classroom size will increase; total AY10/11 school population estimated to be 123 students, therefore an additional 0.5 FTE (\$23,390) kindergarten teacher and 0.5 FTE (\$23,394) grade 3-4 teacher should be added to the budget. The Learning Resource teacher is currently at 0.4 FTE and requested a raise to 0.6 FTE (\$10,513) for 24 kids; other staffing reductions and trimmer line items would result in an increase of about 1% to the FY11 proposed budget.

3) Principal's Report.

Principal Cindy Mackin reported that a contract has been offered for the long-term Special Educator; H1N1 flu clinics have been delayed; NECAP results showed that 95% of those tested achieved the level of Proficiency; all teachers have professional goals related to the math focus for UID; and there is a healthy and fit theme for UID.

4) Superintendent's Report.

Co-Superintendent John Alberghini reported that the Base Education Amount will be level funded from FY10 to FY11. Deficits in the State General Fund are expected to be about \$30 million for FY10, \$90 million for FY 2011, and \$165 million for FY 2012. There will be ramifications for the K-12 budgets.

5) Consent Agenda.

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved without modification.
 - Approval of monthly bills \$1,534,059.67.
 - CESU Committee Reports
Transportation and Special Education budgets are in the process of being revised. Executive Committee intends to put the question of one school board for CESU to the voters on Town Meeting day in 2011. A 15-person Exploratory Committee would be created to advance the issue.
- Robert Letovsky moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Valerie Banschbach seconded.

Action: Approved.

6) Plan a community event regarding vision and mission statements.

The community event should describe the function of school board, geographic regions served by the school districts, governance structure, and the challenges for the upcoming year. The informational session could be held at the library. Sandwich boards can be used for advertisement. The event can be held in early December.

7) Policy review with vote at the November meeting.

There were no comments about the Limited English Proficiency and Student Education Records policies.

8) Next article for Mountain Gazette.

The November article should be a prelude to the December community event. The December article should stem from the community event held earlier in the month. The articles should be posted in the Mt. Gazette, Two Towns Online, and the Front Porch Forum.

9) Governance update.

In each CESU town, on Town Meeting day in 2011, the Executive Committee intends to put on the ballot a question to create a single school district for CESU – presently, each school is its own district. The total cost of the study that is required to explore the single school board issue is assumed to be \$15,000. The UID would support the governance study with a cost \$530 (based on equalized pupil). A fifteen person Exploratory Committee would start during spring of 2010. The final report would go to the State Board of Education, followed by a final approval by the voters on Town Meeting Day in 2011.

Tari Santor moved that the UID participates in the CESU Governance study and allocates a \$530 payment related to this study; Leslie Kanat seconded.

Action: Approved.

10) Other business.

Tari Santor expressed her interest to not seek a further term as a School Director.

Leslie Kanat moved to forfeit the stipends for the School Directors for FY10. Valerie Banschbach seconded.

Action: approved.

11) Executive Session: Title I, sec 313(a)1,3 Personnel, Negotiations.

The UID Board entered into executive session for discussion regarding personnel and negotiations at 9:18 p.m. and came out of executive session at 9:37 p.m.

12) Anticipated Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Limited English Proficiency
- Student Education Records
- Joint PTO and School Board meeting

The next UID Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 November 2009 at the UID Elementary School.

Robert Letovsky moved to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Leslie Kanat seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Kanat