

**UNION SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**November 27, 2017**

**Walk-through @ A.J. Smith Elementary – 6:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting @ Bus Garage - 7:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Acceptance of the Agenda and Minutes**

The agenda for the November 27, 2017 Meeting .....	1.1
The minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.....	1.2

***WALK-THROUGH AT A.J. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WITH SARAH WELCH & DELANEY CMS – 6:30 p.m.***

***DESSERT RECEPTION FOR  
BUS GARAGE STAFF – 7:30 p.m.***

**Convene Regular Meeting**

**Verbal Communication**

It is the practice of this Board to encourage the community to use this portion of the meeting to share information and concerns with board members. Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to **sign up in advance** before the meeting or at the beginning of the meeting, giving their name and address to the Board Clerk. Names will be placed on a speakers list and speakers will be called in the order signed up. Speakers are asked to keep their remarks to 5 minutes. Questions raised in “verbal communications” may be referred to the Superintendent to prepare a response by the next morning. The questions will be requested in writing to ensure clarity. At the discretion of the Board President, inaccurate information may be given a response.

**Comments from Visitors**

**Superintendent’s Report:**

**Presentations & Reports to the Board:**

- ❖ Introduction of New Middle School Counselor – Julie DeWolf
- ❖ College & Career Day Update – Nina Darnell & Hannah Cognetti
- ❖ Elementary Counselor Update – Hannah Russell
- ❖ Discussion – Spanish Club - Summer 2019 Costa Rica Trip – Chuck Walker

**School Board ACTION – NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION, to adopt all District, Instruction and Business Resolutions as presented:

Instruction

CSE Recommendations ..... 2.1

Business

Accept Treasurer’s Reports, September & October, 2017..... 3.1  
Approve New York City Trip – May 26, 2017..... 3.2  
Approve 2019 Summer Spanish Club Trip to Costa Rica..... 3.3  
Acceptance of New York Women’s Centennial Vote Project Grant - \$500.00..... 3.4

MOTION to adopt all Personnel resolutions as presented:

Personnel

Approve Volunteer Coach – N. Schooley..... 4.1  
Appoint 2017-2018 MS Lighting and Sound Co-Advisors – D. Baumes & E. Reed.....4.2  
Accept Resignation – A. Franco..... 4.3

**Adjournment**



UNION SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES, of a Regular Meeting of the Union Springs School District Board of Education held on November 27, 2017, at 6:33 p.m. at A.J. Smith Elementary School & Bus Garage.

Members Present: Jeffrey Culver, Ann Marie Daum, Robin McKay, Randy Morehouse, Carol Quill, Barry Schwarting, Mary Seitz (*left at 7:33 p.m.*), Daniel Testa (*late arrival – 7:47 p.m.*)

Members Absent: Tom Weaver

Others Present: Jarett Powers, Marge Robbins, Sheila LaDouce, Chuck Walker, Mike Wurster, Katie Graham (*late arrival – 7:40 p.m.*), Hannah Cognetti, Nina Darnell, Julie DeWolf, Virginia Hill, Andrea Lang, Kirk Lang, Hannah Russell

At A.J., only: Joe Delaney, Mary Delaney, Sarah Welch & Gretchen Weir

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Barry Schwarting called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. commencing at A.J. Smith Elementary School for a walk through of the construction progress.

**Acceptance of the Minutes & Agenda**

**Motion by: Carol Quill                      Seconded by: Jeffrey Culver**

- 1.1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the agenda of the November 27, 2017 Board meeting.
- 1.2 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

**Carried: 8-0**

**WALK-THROUGH AT A.J. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WITH SARAH WELCH & DELANEY CMS – 6:33 p.m.**

**DESSERT RECEPTION FOR  
BUS GARAGE STAFF – 7:20 p.m.**

After a walk through at A.J. Smith Elementary, the board traveled to the Bus Garage, arriving at 7:20 p.m. They started with introductions of those in attendance from the bus garage for a reception, Virginia Hill, Andrea Lang and Kirk Lang and the school counselors in attendance for presentations, Hannah Cognetti, Nina Darnell, Julie DeWolf and Hannah Russell. They took a brief break for refreshments.

**Convene Regular Meeting -7:34 p.m.**

**Comments from Visitors – NONE**

**Superintendent's Report:  
Presentations/Reports to the Board**

**❖ Introduction of New Middle School Counselor – Julie DeWolf**

Superintendent Powers introduced the new middle school counselor, Julie DeWolf who was formerly a school counselor at Greece Central Schools and lives in Port Byron.

**❖ College & Career Day Update – Nina Darnell & Hannah Cognetti**

Mrs. Darnell and Ms. Cognetti gave the board an overview of many college and career preparations going on with students in the middle and high school. On November 17, 2017, they coordinated a successful college and career day with 33 presenters. Presenters commented on how engaged and well-behaved the Union Springs students are.

In addition to the college and career day, students (and parents) are involved in the some of the following:

- Trade Career Day
- Surveys to gather individual student career pathways and goals
- Career lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> graders for early exposure to careers
- Trips to Currier Plastics, Patterson's Farms & Ray Sands Glass
- College application planning
- Snacks & Apps
- Financial Planning
- FAFSA Workshop
- Wells College – Girls Program
- SAT Prep Class

The counselors will present more information on their daily duties at a Spring board meeting.

❖ **Elementary Counselor Update – Hannah Russell**

Hannah Russell transferred from the middle school to the elementary school for the 2017-18 school year. She started the school year with a core group of students of approximately 13-15 students and to date that number has doubled.

She gave the board hand-outs of the state counseling model in which school counselors follow, along with an overview of what she is presently working on. The majority of her work is on a personal/social level due to the age of the students she is counseling. She is also working with groups on friendship and social skills. Ms. Russell currently has weekly intervention meetings at the elementary level. In the near future she hopes to meet with the middle and high school counselors to schedule regular meetings for discussion around working collaboratively to ensure students are ready for the higher grade levels and make a smooth transition.

❖ **Discussion - Summer 2019 - Costa Rica Trip – Chuck Walker**

The board had a brief discussion about the Costa Rica trip. While they approve of the trip and its educational opportunities for students, it is disheartening that we are living in a world where we have to worry about traveling abroad and safety.

**Superintendent Powers**

The Board discussed and signed a letter to be sent to the Town of Aurelius regarding the error made by the Town Assessor that will impact the district heavily. Many of the board members plan to attend the next Town of Aurelius Board Meeting, which is on December 14, 2017, to speak out about their concerns. Superintendent Powers will bring financial impacts to the board in January for discussion, along with the Aurelius tax error that will have a substantial financial impact on the district.

He also apprised the board members about an inspection of the rooftop unit at the bus garage, which detected carbon monoxide leakage into the bus garage. The repairs will begin immediately and the cost will be approximately \$8,000.

**School Board ACTION – NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by: Jeffrey Culver**

**Seconded by: Randy Morehouse**

**Instruction:**

2.1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following **Committee on Pre-School Special Education**, recommendation for the **2017-2018** school year:

- #658000375
- #658000377
- #658000050
- #610416022
- #658000378

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following **Committee on Special Education**, recommendation for the 2017-2018 school year:

#610359483  
#610387042  
#610352007  
#658000472  
#658000409  
#610379441  
#610378910  
#610412375  
#610410199  
#610389042  
#610370107

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Committee on Special Education, **Section 504 Accommodations** for the 2017-2018 school year:

#610387042  
#610389042

**Business:**

- 3.1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the September and October, 2017 Treasurer's reports.
- 3.2 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the class trip to New York City for a Broadway Musical on Saturday, May 26, 2017.
- 3.3 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2019.
- 3.4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the New York Women's Centennial Vote Project Grant in the amount of \$500.00 awarded to the Union Springs Middle School through a proposal made by middle school teachers, Kathy Aguilar and Holly Coppola. The monies will be used to purchase books and dry erase wall decals to support eighth grade social studies and ELA curriculum.

**Carried: 7-0**

**Personnel:**

**Motion by: Ann Marie Daum      Seconded by: Jeffrey Culver**

4.1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following volunteer:

*Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach*

**Nicholas Schooley, 11 Logan St, Apt. 102, Auburn, NY 13021**

4.2 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following 2017-2018 Co-Curricular appointments:

<b>Dan Baumes</b>	<b>MS Lighting &amp; Sound</b>	<b>\$ 256.50</b>
<b>Elizabeth Reed</b>	<b>MS Lighting &amp; Sound</b>	<b>\$ 256.50</b>

4.3 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of **Amanda Franco** from her position as Music Teacher effective November 20, 2017.

**Carried: 7-0**

**Call for Executive Session**

President Barry Schwarting called for an executive session for the purposes of contract performance at 8:41 p.m.

**Motion by: Daniel Testa      Seconded by: Carol Quill**

**Carried: 7-0**

Returned to regular session at 9:39 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by: Randy Morehouse      Seconded by: Carol Quill**

To adjourn the Board meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**Carried: 7-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Castiglia  
District Clerk