

UPSALA AREA SCHOOLS  
Upsala, Minnesota 56384

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Upsala Area Schools, Independent School District No. 487, held on December 20, 2017. Present were Chairperson Peterson, along with board members Nelson, Wensmann, Soltis and Thomas. Also present were Superintendent Capelle, Dean of Students Klug and Business Manager Harren.

Visitors were Jonathan Leither, Melissa Ferguson, Jim Drill, Renee Scholz and MCR reporter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Peterson.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Soltis to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the November 22 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve the bills in the amount of \$204,690.57. Bills paid with check numbers 19217 to 19292. The cash balance report was read and approved and the Journal entries were viewed and approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leither and Mrs. Ferguson's report to the board was Phy Ed Procedures and Policies. Mr. Leither also shared information on his Outside Survival Class that he is currently teaching.

Dean of Students Klug's report:

Students for the Month are Gabe Douvier for the High School and Zaidee Lundeen for the Junior High.

Subject Area Students of the month were recognized, as well as Elementary Students of the Month.

Athletes of the Month are Jorgen Kiley for Boys Basketball, Stefani Pohlmann for Girls Basketball and Tyson Leners for Wrestling.

Brandon Young and Annika Gunderson have been selected as the ExCEL Award Recipients.

Ms. Bergmann started a volunteer club that meets during WIN time. They have led projects around the building like the stuffed animal and blanket drive and have done other activities like cleaning up the garage after the football games, etc. On Thursday they will go to Mother of Mercy Nursing Home to visit the residents and then to the St. Cloud Children's Home to volunteer where they can.

Dollars for Scholars annual Chili/hotdog feed will be on January 12th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. The Senior Auction will be held on February 23rd.

The UAS Drama Club performed the "Christmas Carol". The cast and crew did a great job.

The K-6, and 5-12 concerts were held and all did a great job.

Athletic Director Herbes's report:

Fall Football awards were announced. All-District was: Matt Herzog, Bennett Westrich and Jorgan Kiley. All-District Honorable Mention: Alex Thieschafer. All-District Offensive Lineman MVP: Matt Herzog. All-District All-Academic: Colin Prom, Andrew Prokott and Bennett Westrich.

Superintendent Capelle's report:

Levy Information was shared. Overall a 8.85% decrease for taxpayers.

Update on the Verizon Proposal was shared. No response from Verizon to date.

Information shared on the AVID conference that was attended.

MSBA Annual Conference is January 11 and 12.

School Board Organizational meeting will be held on January 24th along with the regular school board meeting.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to approve the final certification of the 2017, pay 2018 levy limitation for the maximum amount of \$918,914.23. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the anonymous donation of \$150 to help pay for delinquent lunch accounts. Motion carried unanimously with many thanks to the anonymous donor.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to approve the contract for Sami Van Wienen as a preschool paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Peterson to approve the donation from the Lions Club in the amount of \$3000 for the band trip. Motion carried unanimously with many thanks.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the agreement with the Morrison County Interagency Coordinating Council (MCICC). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thomas to adopt the resolution to fully fund Special Education Service (Minnesota). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wensmann to adopt the resolution to fully fund Special Education Services (Federal). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to accept the letter of resignation from Roxann Lewis from her teaching position. Roxann was thanked for her many years of service and appreciation and gratitude were expressed.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to authorize administration to hire a long term substitute instructor for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Nelson to adopt the resolution establishing combined polling places for multitude precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school elections not held on the date of a statewide election. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wensmann to adopt the resolution concurring with financing a proposed project through the issuance of certificates of participation, series 2018 A by Mid-State Education District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Peterson to approve the "World's Best Workforce" summary report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Wensmann to approve the donation from Community Covenant Church in the amount of \$50. Motion carried unanimously with many thanks.

Motion by Soltis, seconded by Thomas to approve the additional fundraisers from Kara Poissant for the Europe Trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thomas to approve the donation from Lange Oil in the amount of \$500 for Dollars for Scholars. Motion carried unanimously with many thanks.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Soltis to close the meeting at 8:25 to discuss certified staff negotiations.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Soltis to open the meeting at 9:25 PM.  
Discussed during the closed meeting was Certified Staff negotiations strategy.

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM.

Karin Nelson, Clerk