

Mount Union Area School District  
Monday, April 27, 2009  
Agenda

**NOTE: The meeting will be held in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 p.m. There will be an Executive Session held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the regular session.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – President Ralph Park**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Roll Call Of Directors**

**III. Roll Call Voting/Minutes/Executive Sessions**

1. Approval of the Roll Call Voting and Recording Motion as follows:

Approval is granted that as the President of the Board conducts this meeting, it is not necessary to announce each roll call vote. If, however, a director or director(s), wish to comment or have his/her comment or vote specifically recorded, the director(s) shall have the opportunity to so state.

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 30, 2009 – green pages
3. For Information: The Mount Union Area School Board held Executive Sessions on March 30, 2009 following the adjournment of the regular meeting for student matters and on Monday, April 20, 2009, for personnel matters.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

1. Approval of the Treasurer's Report -- yellow pages

**V. Bills**

1. Approval of the bills for April 2009
  - a) General Fund – pink pages
  - b) Cafeteria Fund – blue pages
  - c) Scholarship Fund – goldenrod pages
  - d) Capital Reserve Fund – None for this month.
  - e) Construction Fund – lavender pages

## **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

1. Approval of the District Office Petty Cash and Student/District Data Reports.  
Enclosures

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mr. Bryan Wagner – Gilbert Wagner, Jr. Ag Ed Scholarship Award  
Establishment

An Ag Ed Scholarship Award has been established for a student from the District's Vocational Agriculture/FFA program starting with the Class of 2009 in the memory and name of Gilbert Wagner, Jr. Ag Ed Scholarship Award and endowed by his son – Mr. Bryan Wagner.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **IX. REPORTS**

1. Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11:
  - a) Minutes of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 meeting of March 12, 2009.  
No action is needed on these minutes. (See pink attachment)
  - b) Approval of the renewal of the Rental Agreement for the former Mount Union Elementary Building with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 in the amount of \$10/square foot for approximately 2,390 square feet for the total amount of \$23,900/year plus the actual custodial cost for the space used for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center:
  - a) No items for the Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center for this month.

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**X. GENERAL**

1. For Information – The date for the High School Renovation Project Pre-Conference Meeting was rescheduled to Monday, April 27, 2009, and the bid opening has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.
2. The District has received notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that the District's request to change the Act 80 half day from Friday, May 1, 2009, to Friday, May 15, 2009, has been approved.
3. Recommendation to schedule the following meetings for May and June 2009 in regards to the High School Renovation Project:
  - a) Workshop on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library to review the bids received on the project.
  - b) Special Session on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library to act on the scope of the project.
  - c) Special Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library to act on the Bond Sale and Intent to Award bids for the project.
4. Policy Recommendations:
  - a) Final Reading and Adoption of the Revised Transportation Policy #810 as presented in the white attachment. The policy was revised to reflect the bus idling and required posting of signs and required background clearances. There were no additional changes made from the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading in March 2009.
  - b) Final Reading and Adoption of the Revised Classified Employee Policy #504 as presented in the white attachment. The policy was revised to reflect educational requirements for special education para-educators. There were no additional changes made from the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading in March 2009.
5. Recommendation to adopt the Elementary Curriculum Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening – Kindergarten to Grade 6 -- effective for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by Mr. Frank Miller. (If you have not already returned the curriculum binder distributed at the March meeting, please bring the binder along to the April meeting.)
6. Congratulations to and approval of the tentative list of members of the Class of 2009 for graduation. (See blue attachment)

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7. Recommendation to award the Athletic Supplies Bid to the low bidder and/or bidder meeting specifications for a total award of \$24,465.66 for the 2009-2010 school year. (See yellow bid tabulation sheet.)
8. Recommendation from Mrs. Autumn Fiscus to renew the Service Contract between the District and Effective Software Products, Inc. (ESP) for a two-year period beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at the cost of \$7,751/each year. (See green attachment)
9. Recommendation from Mrs. Deborah Goodman to renew the District's User Band through blendedschools.net for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$20,000. for 1000 users.
10. Recommendation for the District to write off the books for the cafeteria account student lunch balances for the total amount of \$394.22 as of April 22, 2009 for the 2008-2009 school year. These students have moved from the District.

## **XI. PERSONNEL**

1. Approval to add the following name to the Substitute Teacher Listing effective for the 2008-2009 school year pending receipt of necessary paperwork: (Application will be available for review at the meeting.)

Laura Davis, 10218 Tanglewood Drive, Huntingdon, PA 16652, to be a May 2009 graduate, Juniata College, Elementary Education

2. Approval to add the following name to the Substitute Aide/Clerical Listing effective for the 2008-2009 school year pending receipt of necessary paperwork: (Application will be available for review at the meeting.)

Kimbra Moist, 75 Shanks Run Road, McVeytown, PA 17051

3. Approval to add the following names to the Substitute Custodial Listing effective for the 2008-2009 school year pending receipt of necessary paperwork: (Applications will be available for review at the meeting.)

Shirley Glasgow, 251 Church Street, Newton Hamilton, PA 17075  
Richard Wakefield, P. O. Box 8, Shirleysburg, PA 17260

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4. Recommendation to grant approval for the Administration to use recent graduates from surrounding colleges as substitute teachers for the months of May and June 2009 with the understanding they will have proper educational certification from the State and a letter of verification from the college.
5. Recommendation to add the responsibility of Nightwatchman to Mr. William Varner's Acting Supervisor of Maintenance position retro-active to April 10, 2009 to be paid at the pro-rated amount of \$1,139.67 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.
6. Accept with regret the retirement notification from Mrs. Jean Prough, part-time cafeteria aide, with her last day working in the District being May 22, 2009. Mrs. Prough has approximately 31 years of service with the District as a part-time cafeteria aide and full-time building aide. (Note: As per agreement with the bargaining unit, the District may sub this position following Mrs. Prough's last day until the end of the current school year unless a recommendation can be made earlier.)
7. Recommendation to name the following individuals as volunteer athletic coaches for the spring sports effective for the 2008-2009 school year:

Baseball

Mr. George Goodling, 35 Walls Road, Mount Union, PA 17066

Mr. Julius Inch, R. R. #1, Box 906, Mount Union, PA 17066

Mr. Mark Hobbs, 390 Cedar Street, Mount Union, PA 17066

Track

Mr. Brian Kritzer

Mr. Jeffrey Hoover, 100 Hoover Hollar, McVeytown, PA 17051

8. On behalf of Faculty Member D-08-09, the Mount Union Area Education Association wishes to support a voluntary donation of unused sick leave from the faculty and staff to ensure a full recover period. It is understood that Faculty Member D-08-09 will exhaust all of her/his sick leave prior to using any of the donated days and that the specific details of this process will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

## **XII. USE OF FACILITIES AND FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

1. Request from Ms. Nancy Corson on behalf of the Drama Club for use of the high school auditorium on the evening of May 22, 2009 for its performance of "The High-Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy" with the understanding they will need use of the stage for rehearsing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. between now and the performance.
2. Request from Mr. Robert Prough for use of the high school auditorium for a second Memorial Gospel Music Concert on Friday, March 25, 2010, with the understanding they would need use of the auditorium from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. in order to set-up and tear down equipment, use of the stage lighting system for the concert and that they will cover costs for use of the facilities.
3. Request from Mr. Kevin Pellape on behalf of the Belleville Mennonite School for use of the High School shower facilities while they are in the housing project doing community service work on May 18, 19 and 20, 2009 after school to 5:00 p.m.
4. Request from Ms. Tawnya Abrashoff on behalf of the Mount Union Vikings PeeWee and Flag Football and Cheerleading teams for use of the High School practice field and grass area near the Senior High Gym for football and cheerleading practices Monday through Friday from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. from mid-August through the end of the season (approximately end of October). Approval should be with stipulation that space availability based on needs of contractors during the high school renovation.
5. Request from Mr. Monte Kemmler on behalf of International Order of Rainbow for Girls for use of facilities at the high school and elementary buildings to meet with female students between the ages of 11 and 18 to discuss the Order of Rainbow for Girls Organization with the understanding the activity will be on a voluntary basis and will be cleared with the building principals.

## **XIII. FIELD TRIPS AND CONFERENCES**

1. For Information – The Mount Union Band Boosters trip for the Junior/Senior High Band approved at our February board meeting will be a trip to Kenneywood Amusement Park by charter bus on June 6, 2009.

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2. For Information – The following requests for Field Trips and Conferences were given pre-approval by the Superintendent after our March 30, 2009 meeting:
  - a) Request from Mr. Rick Kane for 17 Junior High Band students to participate in the Junior High Huntingdon County Band Festival held in our facilities on April 21, 2009 with costs to the District being for registration \$20/student and substitute (\$85.00).
  - b) Request from Mr. Rick Kane to attend the PMEA State Conference held at Valley Forge April 23 – 25, 2009 with costs to the District being for substitute \$85/day (\$170.00), registration (\$125.00), meals (not to exceed \$80) and mileage (\$192.50). (Note: Mr. Kane was approved at our September 29, 2008 meeting to participate in this conference along with qualifying band students. We do not have any band students participating and Mr. Kane was still interested in attending the conference.)
  - c) Request from Mrs. Dawn Holesa to attend the Teacher Learning Center’s workshop, “Motivating Hard to Reach, Uninterested & Disruptive Students,” held April 23, 2009 in Harrisburg with costs to the District being for mileage (\$99.00), turnpike tolls (\$5.00) and registration (\$199.00).
  - d) Request from Mrs. Suzanne Brown and Mr. Dan Brown to attend the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Education Days to be held in Harrisburg on April 24, 2009 with costs to the District being for a substitute for Mrs. Brown (\$85.00).
  - e) Graduation Projects held at the Symposium on April 21, 2009 at the High School:
    - Power Point presentation on the installation of ceiling fans and receptacles at Mount Union Teen Center by Bryan Shore (requires District insurance).
    - Presentation of auto body by Ryan Wagner, Ronnie Brown and Tyler Wray.
    - Presentation of different types of cameras and photographs taken by Delana Cartwright.
    - Presentation in the auditorium on the German School System by Bianca Fesenbeckh.
    - Power Point presentation on wrestling by Adam Crouse and Jamel Fortson.
    - Presentation of art work by Mount Union Head Start students by Jennifer Hershberger.

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Graduation Projects held at the Symposium on April 21, 2009 at the High School Continued:

Photo presentation of the landscape project at the Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center by Paul Leonard.

Power Point presentation on Motocross Safety by Chuck Beaston and Keith Rupert.

Presentation on four-wheeler safety by Adam Booher.

Presentation on Life on Death Row by Kyasia Colter.

Presentation of drawing house plans for local fire department for emergency use by Logan Corbin.

Presentation on Writing as a career exploration by Cory Dell.

Power Point presentation on construction safety by Ryan Dixon and Nick Morder.

Presentation of framing to finish a room in building construction by Dj Glunt.

Presentation of a quilt from the Mount Nebo Church by Megan Goodman.

Presentation on historical Mount Union by Mashia Grove and Sam Rogers.

Presentation on a pig farm by Josh Henry.

Power Point presentation on the embalming process and pictures from paintings at the Mapleton pool by Sarah Miller.

Presentation on the dangers, side effects and risk behaviors of drug use by Timothy Peachey.

Presentation on the building of a Pig Cooker by Leon Rhodes.

Presentation on the framing and finishing of a room by Jesse Rowe.

Presentation on hunting by Barry Ball.

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f) Graduation Projects (To be held or have already taken place):

Students vs. Faculty Basketball Game at Kistler Park and a championship game at the high school by Cody Prough (requires District insurance)

Car Rally at McVeytown Fire Hall by Matthew Swartzentruber (requires District Insurance) (Note: Event was cancelled and student joining another group with their graduation project.)

Timmy and Jessy's Benefit Show at Upper Room in Lewistown by Tim Snyder and Jessy Hoover (requires District insurance)

Habitat for Humanity during March and April 2009 by Quenton Hall

Cutest Pet Competition during high school lunch shifts by Brittany Cox, Kassandra Atherton and Brittany Cox

Dodgeball Tournament at New Life Fellowship Church by Ben Hann and Cody Rinehart

Environmental Art Show at High School by Megan McGinnis, Casey Welch and Sheri Lewis

Lemonade Stand at other graduation projects by Justin Snyder, Trevor Dixon and Carl Bilger

Wiffleball Tournament at the high school practice field by Brittany Kurtz and Chelsea McConaughey

Easter Activities/Celebration at New Life Fellowship Church by Nicole Barcelona, Michaela Knable, Kierstine Boozel, Macy Guiliante and Kylie Atherton (requires District insurance)

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at New Life Fellowship Church by Andrew Hollibaugh and Josh O'Leary (requires District insurance)

Dodgeball Tournament at New Life Fellowship Church by Keith Hoffmaster, Elliot Clemens and Darrien Walker (requires District insurance)

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- g) Graduation Projects (Have already taken place):
- Volleyball Tournament at New Life Fellowship Church by David Bailey, Seth Booher, Zach Schmidt and Tyler Hockenberry (requires District insurance and previously approved by the Board)
  - Flag Football Game at the High School by Antwaun Loner and Mydell Loner (requires District insurance)
  - Trail Ride at Stone Hollow Farms by Kimberly Mease (requires District insurance)
  - The School's Strongest Man and Women Competition at the High School by Kyle Morrow, Jordan Canankamp and Gavin Kuykendall
  - Cancer Walk and Luminary Sale at the High School by Ariel Morrow, Whitney Ramsey, Tyler Atherton and Tommee Morrow (requires District insurance and previously approved by the Board)
  - Babysitting by Natashia Port
  - Bowlathon at Holiday Bowl in Mill Creek by Miranda Powell and Kim Kerr
  - Volleyball Tournament at the New Life Fellowship Church by Kayla Knable, Caitlin Roddy and Nicole Kyler
  - Spaghetti Dinner in memory of Paul "Pete" Gardner at the Shirleysburg Lions Club Building by Heather Price, Megan Adams and Chelsea Gahagan
  - Wood Crafts at the New Life Fellowship Church by Derrick Stake
  - Easter Egg Hunt at Liver Pool Park by Shawne Seibert, Emily Fortney, Kenzie Cramer and Rachael Barben (requires District insurance)
  - Race/Walk at Flagpole Hill in Huntingdon by Katrina Woods (requires District insurance – previously Board approved)
3. Request from Mr. David Steel for participation of the High School Band in the Mapleton Legion Post 322's Memorial Day parade to be held on May 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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4. Request from Mrs. Tamara Heeter, Mrs. Sonja Boozel, aides and student helpers to accompany students from their high school Life Skills & MDS classes on June 3, 2009 to the Belleville Sale and to the Allensville Buffet for lunch with costs to the District being for bus and van transportation and for the District's share towards lunch of \$5/student (\$115.00).
5. Request from Mr. Rick Kane to accompany members of the Senior High Jazz Band to the Epworth Manor in Tyrone and Westminster Woods in Huntingdon on May 11, 2009 with costs to the District being for a substitute (\$85.00) and for transportation of one short bus and van with trailer hitch.
6. Request from Mr. Rick Kane to accompany members of the Senior High Jazz Band to the Woodland Retirement Center in Orbisonia and the Shirley Home for the Aged in Shirleysburg on May 12, 2009 with costs to the District being for a substitute (\$85.00) and for transportation of one short bus and van with trailer hitch.
7. Request from Mrs. Marjorie Biddle, Mr. James Miale, Mrs. Amy Bilger and Mrs. Vickie Cooper to accompany members of their Career Planning/Graduation Project classes to Mutual Benefit in Huntingdon on May 20, 2009 with costs to the District being for bus transportation and substitutes \$85/each (\$340.00).
8. Request from Mrs. Sonja Boozel and Mrs. Melody Komir for permission for the Key Club members to participate in the Special Olympics to be held at the Huntingdon High School on May 19, 2009.
9. Request from Mr. David Hummel and Mr. Rick Wilson to accompany seven football players to the Tussey Mountain Football Combine on May 16, 2009 with costs to the District being for use of the school van for the trip and registration (\$75.00).
10. Request from Mr. Randy Crowder and Mr. Brian Kritzer to accompany members of their Life Skills/Learning Support classes to the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown on June 2, 2009 with costs to the District being for use of the school van for the trip and one half-day substitute (\$42.50).
11. Request from Mr. Kerry Kerr to attend the Southwest STEM Conference to be held at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus on May 19, 2009 with costs to the District being for registration (\$25.00), mileage (\$160.60), substitute (\$85.00) and lodging/meals \$100/day (\$100.00).

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12. Request from Ms. Tessa McCormick to attend the Penn State Volleyball Coaches Clinic to be held at the Penn State Campus July 31 through August 1, 2009 with costs to the District being for registration (\$85.00) and lodging/meals \$100/day (\$200.00).
13. Request from Mrs. Roberta Barben to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Early Childhood and Early Intervention Educators and Providers to be held at Juniata College on May 20, 2009 with costs to the District being for substitute (\$85.00).
14. Request from Mrs. Deborah Goodman to participate in the PA Inspired Leadership Program's NISL Course 2 in the 2009-2010 school year to be held at IU #8 in Altoona on August 12 and 13, 2009 on October 13 and 14, 2009 on December 8 and 9, 2010 and on February 16 and 17, 2010 with costs to the District being for mileage (\$440.00).
15. Request from Mrs. Dawn Holesa to participate in the PA Inspired Leadership Program's NISL Course 2 in the 2009-2010 school year to be held at IU #8 in Altoona on August 12 and 13, 2009 on October 13 and 14, 2009 on December 8 and 9, 2010 and on February 16 and 17, 2010 with costs to the District being for mileage (\$316.80).

#### **XIV. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

1. Secondary Principals' Reports – See blue attachment
2. Elementary Principals' Reports – See yellow attachment
3. District-wide Administrators' Reports – See white attachment
4. District Technology Director's Report – See green attachment

**XV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. May Meetings already scheduled:

- a) Regular meeting – Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School with an Executive Session held at 6:30 p.m.
- b) Workshop – Monday, May 4, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**