



UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:30 PM

Unity School District, 1908 150th Street, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

1. **5:30 PM** Call to Order/Notice of Meeting/Roll Call
Members Present: Debbie Ince-Peterson, Victoria Studtmann, Adam Jarchow, Mike Haroldson (met at the facility tour of UCLC), Jeff Reed, Andrea Jerrick
Members Absent: Jeromy Cox
Admin Present: Zack Fugate, Chad Leonard, Jaclyn Mackey, Sarah Engstrom-Yde
Others Present: Sara Dueholm, Joe Tilton, Ryan Flaherty, Debby Brunett (Baird), John Huenink (KA)
2. Approval of the Agenda
 Motion to approve the agenda by Adam Jarchow.
 Second by Victoria Studtmann.
 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Facility Tour - 5:30 p.m.**
4. **Reconvene Regular Meeting in the District Boardroom - 6:00 p.m.**
5. Residents' Requests to Speak/Address the Board (Max. of 3 min.) Items must be germane to the agenda. Any written comment must be submitted by email to zfugate@unity.k12.wi.us by NOON on Monday, August 10, 2026. Such comments will be provided to the Board of Education for consideration and review (Board Policy 187 - Public Participation at Board Meetings).
 None Received
6. Board of Education Member Update
 - a. Campus Visits and Activity Attendance
 Debbie football starts on Friday; scrimmage at Barron.
 Vicki is getting ready for school, and MS football starts on Monday.
 Adam: none to report.
 Jeff: none to report.
 Andrea: none to report.
7. **Information**
 - a. District Administrator's Report - *Mr. Zachary Fugate*
 (This Report will cover the latest District Happenings, Upcoming Events, and Staff Recognition)
 - b. Referendum Finance Presentation - *Debby Brunett (Baird Financial)*
 Debby Brunett presented to the board.
 - c. Referendum Consideration Presentation - *Kraus-Anderson and Mr. Zachary Fugate*
 John Huenink presented to the Board.
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2026- Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2026- Special Board Meeting
 - c. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes, August 03, 2026 - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
 - d. Finance Report - *Mr. Chad Leonard*
 - e. Approval of Vouchers
 - f. Personnel
 - 1) Consideration and Approval of Various Hires, Retirements, and Resignations, including but not limited to:
 - a. New Hire: Tracy Nyhus - Head Softball Coach
 - b. Resignation: Carolyn Christensen - MS Softball Coach

Second by Mike Haroldson.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve consent agenda item 8.e. by Victoria Studtmann.

Second by Adam Jarchow

Motion carried (5-0-1), abstention by Andrea Jerrick due to conflict of interest.

9. **Action Agenda**

- a. **RESOLUTION 1: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED APPROXIMATELY \$22,000,000-\$32,000,000**

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 1: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 by Victoria Studtmann.

President Debbie Ince-Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote:

Debbie Ince-Peterson-Yes; Victoria Studtmann-Yes; Adam Jarchow-No; Jeff Reed-Yes; Andrea Jerrick-Yes; Mike Haroldson-Yes; Jeromy Cox-absent

Motion passed (5-1).

Motion for the Board to adopt RESOLUTION 1 and read aloud in its entirety by Victoria Studtmann:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Unity School District, Polk County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project at the district campus consisting of: construction of an addition and renovations at the High School, including for career and technical education and automotive space, and cafeteria and food service updates; safety, traffic flow, parking and site improvements; district-wide capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements, including roof replacement; athletic facility and accessibility improvements, and reconstruction of baseball, football and softball fields[, the tennis courts and track]; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Adopted and recorded August 10, 2026.

Second by Debbie Ince-Peterson.

President, Debbie Ince-Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote:

Debbie Ince-Peterson-Yes; Victoria Studtmann-Yes; Adam Jarchow-No; Jeff Reed-Yes; Andrea Jerrick-Yes; Mike Haroldson-Yes; Jeromy Cox-absent

Motion passed (5-1).

- b. **RESOLUTION 2: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY APPROXIMATELY \$600,000-\$1,000,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES**

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY APPROXIMATELY \$600,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES by Victoria Studtmann.

Second by Mike Haroldson.

President, Debbie Ince-Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote:

Debbie Ince-Peterson-Yes; Victoria Studtmann-Yes; Adam Jarchow-No; Jeff Reed-No;

Andrea Jerrick-Yes; Mike Haroldson-Yes; Jeromy Cox-absent
Motion passed (4-2).

Motion for the Board to adopt RESOLUTION 2 and read aloud in its entirety by Victoria Studtmann:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
BY \$600,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Unity School District, Polk County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses.

Adopted and recorded August 10, 2026.

Second by Mike Haroldson.

Debbie Ince-Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote:

Debbie Ince-Peterson-Yes; Victoria Studtmann-Yes; Adam Jarchow-No; Jeff Reed-No;

Andrea Jerrick-Yes; Mike Haroldson-Yes; Jeromy Cox-absent

Motion passed (4-2).

- c. **RESOLUTION 3:** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED APPROXIMATELY \$22,000,000-\$32,000,000 AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY APPROXIMATELY \$600,000-\$1,000,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION 3 and read aloud in its entirety by Victoria Studtmann:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE
APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 AND A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$600,000
FOR RECURRING PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Unity School District, Polk County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,000,000 (the "Initial Resolution" and "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$600,000 for Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit" and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Initial Resolution and the Revenue Limit Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1 . Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the propositions of whether the Initial Resolution and the Revenue Limit Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2 . Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be posted in at least three public places no later than August 20, 2026 and published in the Inter-County Leader within ten days after the date hereof.
- (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be posted in at least three public places no later than October 6, 2026 and published in the Inter-County Leader in the issue published immediately prior to the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be posted in at least three public places no later than October 27, 2026 and published in the Inter-County Leader in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day. If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3 . Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4 . Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5 . Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 52 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6 . Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7 . DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 120.115(1) and 121.91(3), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Initial Resolution and the Revenue Limit Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolution and the Revenue Limit Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Adopted and recorded August 10, 2026.

Debbie Ince-Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote:

Debbie Ince-Peterson-Yes; Victoria Studtmann-Yes; Adam Jarchow-No; Jeff Reed-Yes;

Andrea Jerrick-Yes; Mike Haroldson-Yes; Jeromy Cox-absent

Motion passed by (4-2).

- d. **RESOLUTION 4:** RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED APPROXIMATELY \$22,000,000-\$32,000,000
Motion to dismiss RESOLUTION 4; no action required to be taken by the Board by Jeff Reed.
Second by Mike Haroldson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Consideration and Approval of the 2026-2027 Eagle Care Club Handbook
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Eagle Care Club Handbook by Victoria Studtmann.
Second by Mike Haroldson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- f. Approval of Act 57 and Act 89 Policies (Second Reading)
Motion to adopt all Policies under Act 57 and Act 89 Policies with the exclusion of Policy 144.5, which needs to be brought back to counsel to address language regarding communication between board members and communication with students by Adam Jarchow.
Second by Mike Haroldson.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- g. Consideration and Approval of a 2026-2027 66.0301 Agreement Between Unity School District and Clear Lake for Distance Learning
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 66.0301 Agreement Between Unity School District and Clear Lake for Distance Learning by Adam Jarchow.
Second by Jeff Reed.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Looking Ahead at Next Month's Agenda— *These items are subject to change*
 - a. NEOLA Policies Group 1: Bylaws, 1000s, 2000s (First Reading)
 - b. S.O.A.R. Academy Update
11. Adjourn at 7:08 p.m.
 - Motion to adjourn by Andrea Jerrick.
 - Second by Jeff Reed.
 - Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.