ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ELECTORS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025—PERFORMING ARTS CENTER—7:00 PM

(Not official until Board approved)

In Attendance: **Board Members present:** *Debbie Ince-Peterson, Victoria Studtmann, Jeff Reed, and Andrea Jerrick*. **Administration present:** *Zachary Fugate, William DeWitt, Jaclyn Mackey, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Shaun Fisher, and Chad Leonard*. **Others present**: *Jennifer Cebery, Sara Dueholm, Sara Fugate, Dawn Perkins, Alex Bates, Sam Weber*.

The budget hearing was called to order by Board of Education Chairperson Debbie Ince-Peterson, who extended a welcome and thank you to all in attendance.

Andrea Jerrick nominated Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, seconded by Victoria Studtmann. There being no other nominations, Victoria Studtmann moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot electing Debbie Ince-Peterson as Chair, seconded by Jeff Reed. On nominations duly made and seconded, Debbie Ince-Peterson was elected to chair the Annual Meeting.

Jeff Reed made a motion, seconded by Andrea Jerrick, to approve the Annual Meeting minutes of October 28, 2025. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Levy. District Administrator Zachary Fugate gave the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the ending 2024-2025 budget. June 30, 2025, year-end revenue and expenses were reviewed for all funds. Andrea Jerrick made a motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. Second by Victoria Studtmann.

Debbie Ince-Peterson opened the budget hearing with an introduction of District Administrator, Zachary Fugate. The District Vision and Mission Statement and Goals for the 2025-2026 school year were reviewed. Mr. Fugate also explained some of the important factors that go into creating the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Levy.

A review of the 2025-2026 operational budget began with a comparison of the 2024-2025 to 2025-2026 Basic Budget Information.

The budget plan was presented, listing budget changes and debt service information.

The 2025-2026 proposed budget was reviewed, showing general fund revenue of $15,138,671.00 and general fund expenditures of $15,138,671.00. There was a correction of Funds 38/39 with a beginning balance of $481,502 and ending balance of expenditures & other financing uses of $1,920,313.00

There being no further questions or comments, Chairperson Debbie Ince-Peterson closed this portion of the budget hearing and brought forth resolutions on which to act.

Resolution No. 1. Andrea Jerrick made a motion, seconded by Jeff Reed, to adopt the resolution that the School Board be authorized to adopt a tax levy of $12,645,894 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Resolution No. 2. Sam Weber made a motion to adopt the resolution by the electors of Unity School District setting Board annual salaries to remain at $3900 each; motion seconded by Dawn Perkins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 3. Victoria Studtmann made a motion, seconded by Andrea Jerrik, to authorize the Board of Education to lease property belonging to the District. Motion carried by voice vote. Passed as read.

Resolution No. 4. Jeff Reed made a motion, seconded by Andrea Jerrick, to authorize the School Board to rent, lease, purchase, and/or acquire property necessary for School District purposes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 5. Victoria Studtmann made a motion, seconded by Jeff Reed, to authorize the School Board to defend or prosecute any action in which the District is implicated, and to hire proper personnel for such action. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 6. Jeff Reed made a motion, seconded by Andrea Jerrick, to authorize the Board of Education to provide accident insurance for students. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 7. Andrea Jerrick made a motion, seconded by Victoria Studtmann, authorizing the School Board to short-term borrow funds as needed for cash flow purposes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution No. 8. Jeff Reed made a motion, seconded by Victoria Studtmann, that the 2026 Annual Meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in October (October 26, 2026), preceded by the Budget Hearing. The School Board is authorized to change the date as it deems necessary. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on items from the floor under Wisconsin Statutes 120.10. No further discussion or comments were presented.

Sam Weber made a motion, seconded by Dawn Perkins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned (7:30 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea Jerrick, Clerk

Sara Dueholm, Recording Secretary