

Minutes of the Unity Ridge Lutheran School Board Meeting 9/16/25

The meeting was held with Board members Mike Gore Karen Ahrenholtz Megan Torreson, Cindy Gray, Staci Neumann and Tami Maccolough in attendance and two guests, Cassie Rimers and Terra Winey.

Meeting was called to order @ 18:04 buy President Mike Gore

Opening prayer and devotion was given buy John Schneller proverbs 3:5-6

Approval of the Agenda motion was made by Tami and seconded by Cindy. Motion passed

Minutes of the previous meeting. Motion for approval was made by Cindy and seconded by Karen. Motion passed

The financial report was given by Megan. Motion for approval was made by John seconded by Cindy. Motion passed

Administrative report was given by Meghan

Faculty visitor Terra Winey (new hire) introduced herself and thanked the board for the opportunity to teach and serve at Unity Ridge Lutheran School.

Student totals: Infant 8 (3 wait list) Toddler 14 (2 wait list) Preschool 3: 11 Preschool 4: 12 Grade School 83 High School 9

Old Business

Egress window is installed. We need to send a thank you to Bob Scherif for his hard work cleaning up after the window installation in the classroom. The window did leak a lot of water and mud after the storms. The contractor did come back and reseal the window. Huge Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the mess from the leaking window!

Accreditation check in: Meghan went over the Strategic plan

Dress Code Update: discussion was had about the dress code changes that were made and we decided that no change would be made. We went over the email that was sent to us buy Ashly Brown and Tami had volunteered to type the responding email that the board would go over and approve. It was approved via text messages and was sent.

Expansion idea: we briefly spoke about a few ideas and were asked to keep our eye and ears open for opportunities and to pray about opportunities and properties that might have potential.

New Business

School Safety we spoke briefly about some school safety issues and concerns due to recent events.

Board position descriptions

We did go over the board position descriptions due to having the election in the old business. We found that we needed to add the position description for the treasurer into the board handbook from the bylaws. We also might need to review each position description.

Tabled Discussions

Board Positions we had a verbal election due to the length of the meeting the majority were ok with this. Mike Gore was elected president. John Schneller was elected vice president. Staci Newmann was elected Treasurer. Cindy Gray was elected secretary.

Endowment Committee, tabled for later discussion

Records Policy, we agreed to adopt the State of Iowa's records policy.

Upcoming Events Camp Okoboji sept 17-19th, BBQ Fest Sept 19th, Lea Convention Oct 1-4th

Prayer Request

Accreditation process, Mike Gore family, Staci Newmann Family. New freshmen students and a local foster family. Room to grow the school.

Meeting was adjourned by president Mike Gore at 22:10