

Ulen-Hitterdal ISD #914
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Room

Board Members Present: Theis, Thordal, Wibe-Bjerke, Amundson

Absent: Braseth, Jacob, Tweten

Others Present: Ted Critchley, Dustin Flaten, Ryan Pahl, Tammy Brooks, Samantha Amundson w/daughters

Chairperson Wibe-Bjerke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Special Reports:

Samantha Amundson talked about a mobile app called Community Voice and how it could be used for our local community and school to track and post local events.

Good News:

Art & Literacy Night was held last week. There were 76 kids in attendance with a masked reader, art contest, and resident artist Jammie Niemeyer. Alissa Anderson placed in the top 5 in singing at the State FFA Convention. The Business Management Team placed 2nd overall, and Madison Groth placed 1st individually. Claire Brambrink placed 1st in Small Animal Care and will go on to the national level in October. Students placed 5th at the Personal Finance State Convention. The music department went on their New York City Trip May 8-11. At the State Music Competition in Morris, MN students received 41 Superiors, and 17 Excellents. The 5th grade held their D.A.R.E. Graduation. Teacher Appreciation Week was held last week. Hoyt Jensen qualified for the All-State Choir. Janet Maesse is retiring after 40 years of teaching, with 27 of those years at Ulen-Hitterdal. The Best Communities in Music Award was received again this year.

Amundson/Thordal/4-0 to approve the minutes of the 4/9/25 Regular School Board Meeting.

Amundson/Thordal/4-0 to approve claims and liquid asset transfers as presented.

Reports:

Facilities/Finance/Personnel: Wibe-Bjerke

Dean of Students Report:

Spring music concerts are being held this week. Community clean up day will be held on 5/15. Elementary students are going on their field trips. The Sr. Class trip was held today. Schedules are done for next year. Preschool screening was held with 20 preschoolers in attendance. Preschool graduation will be held on Friday. Ted Critchley expressed his appreciation to the U-H School District for the past 2 Years.

AD Report:

A grant was received for a mobile AED. A handout was given to the board with a spring sports update and summer recreation information.

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Superintendent's Report:

WIDA/MCA/MTAS/ACT testing is mostly complete. Updates on staffing were given to the board. The bus barn project will begin on May 19th and all other school building projects will begin on May 27th.

Action Agenda:

Theis/Amundson/4-0 to approve the agenda with an addition and items B,C,D, and E will be tabled.

Amundson/Thordal/4-0 to hire Margo Jensen as High School Special Education Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Theis/Amundson/4-0 to approve the resignation of Ted Critchley from his Dean of Students and Head Boys Basketball positions.

Amundson/Thordal/4-0 to approve the resignation of Steve Radniecki as Head Varsity Softball Coach.

Thordal/Amundson/4-0 to approve the Co-Pairing Agreement with Norman County East for the 2025-2027 school years.

Amundson/Theis/4-0 by roll call vote; Yes votes-4, No votes-0; to adopt the Resolution for Membership with the MSHSL.

Amundson/Thordal/4-0 to approve the resignation of Heather Malone from her High School English Teacher position.

Upcoming Meetings and Special Events:

Regular School Board Meeting-Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Laura Tweten, Board Clerk

Joy Green, Board Secretary