

Union County School Board Meets For Monthly Work Session

During their work session on Thursday, the Union County Board of Education spent just under an hour in closed session to interview three potential candidates to fill the board seat vacated several weeks ago by Don Yarber. Yarber was elected to the board in November, took his seat in January and resigned on June 30, citing declining health as his reason for vacating his board seat.

On Thursday evening, following their closed session, board chair Jennifer Buckman thanked the applicants for their interest in and willingness to serve on the school board. Donnie Gatten then made a motion that received a second from Greg Clifton to seat Susan Duncan from Morganfield to fill the vacancy (see related story in this week's Sturgis News).

Duncan was elected on a unanimous vote.

Other business Thursday night included the board setting the 2025 tax rate. In previous years, tax rates for the school district have hovered at just over 70 for both real and personal property. In 2025 taxpayers will see a lower tax rate with the board accepting the compensating rate of 69.6 cents per \$100 on both real and personal property. Finance Officer Amy Morris presents number for the compensating rate, a four percent rate, but due to an increase in property assessment and in looking at the school district budget, Morris noted that she feels confident the district will be financially secure with the suggested rate.

Had the board opted for the board opted for the four percent rate,

the tax rate would have been set at 72.3 cents per \$100 assessment. In 2024 the school district tax rate was 10.4 cents per \$100 assessment.

The motor vehicle rate will remain at 55.7 cents with the utility tax set at three percent, the same as last year. The board was to officially set the rate at 69.6 on Monday night.

Other business to come before the board included a technology safety report by Billy Ervin. Ervin told the board that he has followed all the update procedure per state guidelines, has started a new filtering program for rapid identification; and is working with the state on the transition from McAfee to another program. Ervin noted that his department continues to "do a lot of training."

Following Ervin's comments, the board

heard first reading of an absences/excuses policy. Based on a request from Director of Pupil Personnel Michelle Hall, the board was asked to make a minor change to the policy on notifications after a student has reached a certain number of absences. Hall asked that electronic communication be added to the list of ways to advise parents of attendance violations. The board approved first reading of the policy change. Second reading was expected to be held Monday night.

The board also reviewed the agenda for Monday night's meeting. That agenda includes seeking approval of additional traceable communication programs, a facility use agreement with ABA, a shortened school day request, a consultant services agreement

with Darla O'Nan, the declaration of several surplus items; a request for clarification of the superintendent's contract that were okayed verbally but need to be included in the written contract and approval of salary schedule changes/revisions for long-term substitute daily rate, transporta-

tion substitute certified mechanic and the gate worker stipend. Gate workers will receive \$40 for non-school day work and \$20 for school day gate activities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Union County.

RIVER VIEW COAL, LLC	9139003	MI	17
7/17/2025			
ROUGH CREEK MINING LLC	9135022	RN	8
7/24/2025			

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Submit resume to City Administrator, PO Box 420, Morganfield, KY 42437 or email to cityadm@att.net.

Applications must be received by 12 Noon September 19, 2025 at 130 E. Main Street, Morganfield City Hall.

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Estate of Donna Sue Ashby, 700 Pike Street, Uniontown, KY 42461. Executor Mikki Ashby, 5928 State Route 130-North, Uniontown, KY 42461. Date of appointment August 14, 2025. Attorney Stephen Arnett, 109 South Morgan Street, Morganfield, KY 42437.

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