

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITY POINT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Unity Point Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the president, Brent Patton, with the following members present: Brent Patton, Pieter Schmidt, Rick Asaturian, Andy Morgan, Belinda Hill and John Longueville. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Brett Sutphin, Ben Doggan, Melissa Watson, Vincent Turner, Winona Bilderback, Susan Pimentel, Chris Gaertner, Jaime Lomax, Debbie Gurley, Nikki Bilderback and Shannon Cremeens.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the Agenda with approval of April 4, 2007 special meeting minutes and deletion of "Employment of Jr. High Resource Teacher." Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007 regular meeting and April 4, 2007 special meeting, copies attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Brent Patton recognized guests and visitors that were present.

A motion was made by Pieter Schmidt, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated correspondence was received from Rebecca Schlenker-Korb expressing appreciation for the plant received following the birth of her daughter. A Certificate of Financial Recognition was also received from the ISBE; a letter of appreciation was received from IRIS regarding the participation of Chris Midden by maintaining a seismometer in his classroom; and an announcement that Jamie Ruch was recently awarded the Illinois Special Education Teacher Scholarship at SIU.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to adopt Policy 625.15, District Computer Use and Internet Safety Policy. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser presented the Quarterly Financial Report, per attached.

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Superintendent to approach the U.P.E.A. concerning a Yearbook Club Sponsor, working in conjunction with the Tech Club for the 2007-2008 school year. The position would include a stipend.

Lori James-Gross presented an early registration update. She indicated sixty kindergarten packets had been requested by parents.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Belinda Hill, seconded by Rick Asaturian to resume regular session at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2007 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to release the following Executive Session minutes: September 26, 2006; October 10, 2006; November 13, 2006; December 11, 2006; January 9, 2007; February 12, 2007; and March 7, 2007. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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A motion was made by Brent Patton, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Melanie Spears as 4th grade teacher for the 2007-2008 school year, contingent upon proper certification. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to amend the Superintendent's Contract, extending the duration until June 30, 2012. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Jim Berezow and April Haar expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to be employed as administrators at Unity Point School.

Lori James-Gross indicated April 19 will be Taste of UP Day; and May 11, 2007 will be free activity day and the date for the UP Talent Show.

Brent Patton offered congratulations to the Unity Point Science and History Fair participants who performed well at recent Regional competitions.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Brent Patton, President

John Longueville, Secretary