

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 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, Belinda Hill and John Longueville. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Sylvia Weeks, Robert Manier, Bea Geraci, Kathy Harasimowicz, Alisa Simpson, Jill Misner, Kerry Glenn, Fran Voss, Patsy Cremeens, Kay Eckiss, Brenda David, Patricia Moore, Crystal Phillips, Vicki Mogharreban, Jennifer Musoiu, Leslie Varble, Janice Corey, Susan Adorjan, Terry Gholson, Mike Gholson, Lori Smith, Jill Asbury, Beth Stearns, Debbie Gurley and Susan Pimentel.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2006 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Brent Patton recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Vicki Mogharreban read a letter addressed to the Board from the Family Circle staff.

Lori James-Gross indicated the IASB semi-annual fall dinner meeting will be held on October 2, 2006. Shari Sweeney is one of ten finalists for the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to approve Wellness Policy 6:50. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented information regarding the status of the current bus fleet, per attached.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to purchase a 2007 71-passenger Bluebird bus for \$64,799 from Central States Bus Co., per Lori James-Gross recommendation. The approximate delivery date is October 2006. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented information concerning the change in student pick-up and drop-off locations, per attached. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the changes effective September 18, 2006.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the Annual Application for Recognition of Schools for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated an appeal will be filed for the FY07 Reading Improvement Grant once the FY06 Performance Report is processed; NCLB grants for FY07 are being completed with assistance from the ISBE; and we are awaiting permission to file a late amendment to the FY06 Pre-K grant.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to adopt the Section 504 Policies and Procedures that cover students with disabilities, per attached, as presented by Lori James-Gross and April Haar. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Brent Patton to adopt the Student Intervention Process for regular education students, per attached, as presented by April Haar. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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Bob Manier of the U.P.E.A. indicated the third and fourth grades are averaging 25 students per classroom; and the atmosphere in the school was very positive.

A motion was made by Pieter Schmidt, seconded by Belinda Hill to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider negotiations, pending litigation and information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to resume regular session at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Belinda Hill to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2006 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by John Longueville, seconded by Belinda Hill to accept the resignation of Lauren Martin (effective 9/1/06) and Melanie Spears (effective 8/21/06) as instructional aides; and Julie Bonner (effective 9/7/06) as EOC aide, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Belinda Hill made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to employ Melanie Spears (effective 9/5/06) and Kara Doan (effective 8/21/06) as instructional aides; Kathy Stewart (effective 9/7/06) as EOC aide; and reassign Christine Laser to half-time EOC aide and half-time instructional aide, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Belinda Hill made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Amy Bergman as kindergarten teacher; Michelle Pritchard as pre-k teacher; Kim Cantwell as part-time (.50FTE) P.E. teacher (effective 8/21/06); and Lisa Dibiasse as part-time (.50FTE) speech and language pathologist (effective 9/11/06) for the 2006-2007 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated staff survey results were in each Board member's packet and Open House for all grade levels was well attended.

Jim Berezow and April Haar indicated cafeteria procedures, along with pre-k students were improving including music being played during lunch.

Brent Patton expressed appreciation with the Administration and staff for working together through the transition into the beginning of a new school year.

A motion was made by Belinda Hill, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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Brent Patton, President

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John Longueville, Secretary