

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 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, Pieter Schmidt, with the following members present: Pieter Schmidt, Andy Morgan, Gene Turk, Rick Asaturian, Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Sandy Charlson and Shannon Cremeens. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Tammy Lipe, Susan Pimentel, Mike Wright, Susan Culton and Kitty Campbell.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda with Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Working Cash Fund Bonds following "Approval of March 18, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes." Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A public hearing was held concerning the sale of working cash fund bonds in accordance with the Bond Issue Notification Act.

A motion was made by Pieter Schmidt, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the sale of \$525,000 in Working Cash Fund bonds. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present. Susan Pimentel inquired as to the protocol for public comment at Board meetings.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser and Lori James-Gross presented the quarterly financial report, per attached. They also indicated proposals have been requested for property/casualty insurance beginning July 1, 2008. Proposals are requested every three years. An insurance carrier will be selected at the May 13, 2008 regular board meeting.

Lori James-Gross indicated the life/safety survey completed on January 28, 2008 by the Regional Office of Education was favorable with only two minor exceptions, per attached.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Student Teachers from Southern Illinois University Carbondale for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Jim Berezow indicated letters of potential retention have been mailed for students at risk of not passing. A Student Intervention Process handout was distributed to the Board. A playground needs survey will be distributed soon. Mike Blair's junior high students had 28 science projects entered at Regional competition with 21 projects advancing to State competition. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Booster Club to sell advertising space on banners to be placed on the ball field fence.

April Haar indicated a \$500 Illinois Rain Garden grant was recently received to be used for the outdoor lab area. Recent enrollment figures were presented per attached. Registration packets have been distributed to students for the 2008-2009 school year. The Illinois Math and Science Academy Program will take place at Unity Point School this summer with a focus on science enrichment. A first through fourth grade summer enrichment program is being planned. The job opening for the 1st-2nd grade multi-age classroom has been posted.

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A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to resume regular session at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Shannon Cremeens made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Pieter Schmidt, seconded by Andy Morgan to release Executive Session minutes dated November 13, 2007, January 8, 2008, February 19, 2008 and March 18, 2008. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to grant tenure to Julie VanWinkle for the 2008-2009 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to pay non-certified employees who were affected by the three Act of God non-attendance days taken during the current school year. Motion carried 5-1-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Cremeens-abstain, Gaffney-Keebler-yea, Morgan-yea, Schmidt-yea, Turk-nea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. inquired about the Illinois Math and Science Program to be held this summer at Unity Point School.

Lori James-Gross indicated the PTO wanted to place four concrete benches on the Junior High playground area. The Regional Office of Education compliance visit was completed on April 7, 2008. Only minor changes will be necessary.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary