

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

Tuesday, August 14, 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, Pieter Schmidt, with the following members present: Pieter Schmidt, Andy Morgan, Gene Turk, Rick Asaturian and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, Bill Laser, Tammy Lipe, Mike Wright, Michael Blair, Kim Blair, Susan Culton and Molly Gaffney-Keebler.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2007 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Lori James-Gross indicated two letters of resignation were received. She also read correspondence from David Drake expressing appreciation to Unity Point School for the memorial garden in his mother's honor. A donation in the amount of \$5000 was sent for upkeep of the memorial garden.

Shannon Cremeens arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to nominate Molly Gaffney-Keebler as Board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jim Kelly. Pieter Schmidt administered the Oath of Office prior to her seating on the Board. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to grant the Superintendent authority to employ ancillary staff as needed to fill vacancies as the need arises during the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Cremeens-yea, Gaffney-Keebler-yea, Morgan-yea, Schmidt-yea, Turk-nea.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve food bids for the cafeteria for the first half of the school year, per attached, as presented by Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

The Tentative Budget for the 2007-2008 school year was presented by Lori James-Gross and Bill Laser, per attached.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to adopt the Resolution Calling for Public Hearing regarding the 2007-2008 Budget. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the transfer of interest earnings from the Bond & Interest Fund to the Building Fund in the amount of \$11,660.00. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser presented the Lunchroom Report and Kidz Klub Report for the 2006-2007 school year, per attached.

A motion was made by Shannon Cremeens, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Transportation Report for the 2006-2007 school year, per attached, as presented by Bill Laser. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Lori James-Gross indicated current enrollment was 613, per attached.

Shannon Cremeens 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 6:42 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to resume regular session at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to accept the resignation of Tiffany Baumann as Kidz Klub aide/bus aide; and Sharon Burns as Tri-County pre-k classroom aide effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the maternity leave for Jennifer Bourque beginning approximately October 27, 2007 through January 6, 2008. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the voluntary transfer of Tracie Deaton from pre-k to the new multi-age classroom; to approve the involuntary transfer of Susan Adorjan from first grade to pre-k and Cindy Zeman from kindergarten to first grade; to employ Thomas Harness as computer teacher and Luke Fleisher as music teacher, contingent upon proper certification; and to change Julie VanWinkle's position from .51FTE to full-time reading teacher, all for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to employ Brittany Coogan as girls fifth/sixth and junior high basketball coach; employ Tim Ward as assistant girls basketball coach; employ Izetta Wiggs as girls volleyball coach; employ Brittany Coogan as assistant girls volleyball coach; and employ Alisa Simpson and Chris Mattingly as yearbook sponsors for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to employ Joan Hagler as special ed bus aide for the Murphysboro route for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated Unity Point will be hosting the IASB Fall Dinner Conference on October 1, 2007.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Pieter Schmidt, President

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Rick Asaturian, Secretary