

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

Tuesday, December 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, Pieter Schmidt, with the following members present: Pieter Schmidt, Andy Morgan, Rick Asaturian, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Tammy Lipe, Alisa Simpson, Susan Pimentel and Susan Culton.

Shannon Cremeens arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the Agenda with information on parent emergency notification and ESL program enrollment numbers following "QZAB Update." Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present. Gene Turk arrived at 6:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated Mike Blair and Shari Sweeney recently achieved National Board Certification status. The Shawnee Division IASB meeting will be held on January 3, 2008 and the IASB Dinner Conference will be held on February 26, 2008.

Alisa Simpson presented information concerning the Library Per Capita Grant, including library program evaluation, per attached.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve food bids for the period January 1 through July 31, 2008, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the draft of the Unity Point Action Plan regarding strategic planning. A Board retreat will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 to discuss and review.

Lori James-Gross presented a QZAB update. Promethean boards are due to arrive December 21, 2007 for installation over Christmas Break. Carbondale Electric will be installing extra circuits as well. The architect has provided cost estimates for roof replacements, per attached, with the 1957 roof being replaced first. If costs exceed projections a Health Life Safety Amendment may be required.

Lori James-Gross presented information concerning the AlertNow parent emergency notification system, per attached. The annual cost is estimated to be \$1680. The system can also be used to make daily calls for student absences. Several area schools are considering implementing this system.

Lori James-Gross indicated the ISBE sent notification the ESL program is currently not in compliance. Due to twenty or more ESL students of any one language, a full-time teacher and instructional aide must be hired. Special education students are increasing as well. Class sizes can be twenty or less with an aide. An additional teacher may need to be hired next school year. An additional aide may be needed for the remainder of this school year. The State is not deciding caseloads; they are a negotiable item within the teacher Contract.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Several dates have been set for collaboration with SIU-C and several grants are being written as well, per attached. Unity Point will be a pilot school with

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Tri-County Special Education District for AimsWeb, an assessment software program for Response to Intervention, in January 2008.

It was the consensus of the Board to change the time of the January 8, 2008 Board meeting to 5:00 p.m.; and grant permission to the Superintendent to teach a graduate class at SIU-C during the Spring semester.

Pieter Schmidt indicated Superintendent evaluations are due back to him by January 8, 2008.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary