

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

Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

The re-scheduled 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 and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Samantha Hunt, Bea Geraci, Tammy Lipe, Susan Pimentel and Kerry Glenn.

Shannon Cremeens arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to approve the Agenda with consideration of roof bids following "Debt Service Extension Base Update"; discussion of March 4, 2008 Board meeting following "Principal for Instruction's Update"; and the Superintendent's evaluation will be considered at the regular March 18, 2008 board meeting. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

It was the consensus of the Board to amend the minutes of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting to indicate the beginning time as 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting as amended, and January 12, 2008 special meeting, copies attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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

Lori James-Gross indicated a letter was received from Brittany Coogan resigning as assistant volleyball coach; the IASB Shawnee Division dinner meeting will be held on February 26, 2008; and a thank you note was received from Kara Doan in appreciation of the gift certificate for the recent birth in the family.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the certified seniority list for the 2007-2008 school year, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the non-certified seniority list for the 2007-2008 school year, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the Unity Point School #140 Action Plan, per attached, per Board retreat follow-up. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser and Lori James-Gross provided an update on the debt service extension base analysis for the proposed issuance of working cash bonds. The available DSEB would allow for the issuance of non-referendum bonds for capital improvement projects. If approval to proceed occurs at the March 18, 2008 board meeting, a public hearing would follow at the April 8, 2008 board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to request Steve Larson of Ehlers & Associates to prepare several bond payment schedules for consideration at the March 18, 2008 board meeting.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve roof bid option #2 as submitted by Vaughn's Roofing for the 1957 and 1966 additions (\$188,560), per attached. The 1957 roof would be completed in March 2008 and 1966 roof completed in July 2008. QZAB funds can be used for the 1957 roof and working cash bonds (if approved) can be used for the 1966 roof. Motion carried 6-0-1 with votes as follows:

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Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Cremeens-yea, Gaffney-Keebler, Morgan-yea, Schmidt-yea, Turk-abstain.

Bea Geraci provided an update on QZAB expenditures and remaining budget, per attached. Unity Point was recently awarded a \$10,000 Best Buy Grant as submitted by Mike Blair. The grant received was one of fifty in the United States and one in four in Illinois. This is the third year in a row Unity Point has received a Best Buy Grant, with the latest grant being the highest received. It was noted the recent award could be used towards the in-kind contribution for the QZAB program.

Bea Geraci indicated the AlertNow notification system was recently utilized with favorable results.

Lori James-Gross indicated Unity Point received 3.9 out of 4.0 on the recent ISBE financial profile, per attached.

April Haar presented recent enrollment figures, per attached. Lori James-Gross recommended the March 4, 2008 board meeting be cancelled. The next meeting will be March 18, 2008.

Shannon Cremeens made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to resume regular session at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the resignation of Brittany Coogan as assistant volleyball coach due to a coaching conflict, effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Discussion was held with Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. concerning the FY09 School Calendar. The Curriculum Council will preview the proposed FY09 School Calendar before the March 18, 2008 board meeting.

Lori James-Gross indicated a needs assessment meeting was recently held through the Consortium for Educational Change. The Academic Fair will be held on February 15, 2008.

A motion was made by Andy Morgan, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Pieter Schmidt, President

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Rick Asaturian, Secretary