

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

Tuesday, June 10, 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 and Molly Gaffney-Keebler. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Teresa Snyder, Chris Midden, Susan Pimentel, Susan Adorjan, Bea Geraci, Joellen Sullivan, Christine Mattingly, Beth Stearns, Tim Ward, Mike Wright and Susan Culton.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0 with all voting yea.

It was noted the motion to accept Shannon Cremeens' resignation on page 2 of the May 13, 2008 regular meeting minutes should be seconded by Sandy Charlson.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 regular meeting, as amended, copy attached. Motion carried 4-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present. Comments were heard from the audience concerning playground needs.

Sandy Charlson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

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

Bea Geraci indicated Unity Point was awarded the Title II Ed Tech Competitive Grant for FY09 to include student laptops and professional development. Lori James-Gross indicated a letter of resignation, retirement and maternity leave request were received; and thank you notes were received from Luke Fleisher, Mark Hays, Christine Mattingly and Beth Walker.

Rick Asaturian arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve revisions to the 2008-2009 Student-Parent Handbook. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to adopt the Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance and corresponding Certificate for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Joellen Sullivan, Beth Stearns and Christine Mattingly presented information on the ESL Program at Unity Point and the recent national conference attended in New York City.

April Haar indicated current enrollment figures were included in each board member's packet. She also presented the School Improvement Plan for Unity Point, per attached.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, 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 6:39 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to resume regular session at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to accept the resignation of Omero Anguiano as sixth grade teacher with best wishes, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Pieter Schmidt, seconded by Gene Turk to accept the resignation of Catherine Johnson as instructional aide, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to accept the maternity leave request by Stephanie Gugle for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to accept the ERO retirement request by Susan Adorjan, effective end of the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Andy Morgan, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Teresa Snyder as multi-age teacher, contingent upon proper certification; Mary Terpinitz as EOC aide; Brittany Coogan as softball coach; and Tim Allen as assistant baseball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to involuntarily transfer Chris Midden to 6th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt informed Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. all proposed language changes to the Teacher Contract are tentatively agreed upon except Section 4.2 and 6.5 which are still being negotiated for the 2008-2009 school year. Mike Wright indicated Mike Blair, Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser and he will be meeting on June 17, 2008 to discuss negotiations.

Lori James-Gross indicated the July 8, 2008 regular board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing concerning a Waiver allowing the District to attend school on Lincoln's Birthday and approve Presidents Day as a school holiday. Teaching positions for 5th grade and special education will be posted.

April Haar indicated ISAT scores have been received and Unity Point meets Annual Yearly Progress. Jim Berezow indicated Unity Point has a link for area schools on the website for ReMax Realtors.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary