

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

Tuesday, May 13, 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 vice-president, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Rick Asaturian, Gene Turk, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Bea Geraci, Debbie Gurley, Tammy Lipe, Tim Ward, Brandi Roberts, AJ Chester, Lynette Chester, Susan Pimentel, Vicki Mogharreban, Susan Culton, Mike Wright, Kitty Campbell, Jennifer Musoiu and Jennifer Cote.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2008 special meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Gaffney-Keebler-yea, Morgan-yea, Turk-nea.

Lori James-Gross indicated resignations were received from Sarah Dorsey and Kara Doan. A piano and \$500 were received from Charlotte Foote, retired music teacher. Frito-Lay in conjunction with Wal-Mart donated a \$500 gift card to the school. Thank you notes were received from the Girl Scouts in support of tree planting; and the American Cancer Society for participation in the Relay for Life.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adopt the Resolution to Issue General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2008, regarding the sale of working cash bonds on June 3, 2008. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to select Markel Insurance Co. and United Healthcare as providers of student accident insurance for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented by Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to award property/casualty insurance to Consolidated Insurance Agency for a three year period beginning July 1, 2008. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

It was the consensus to reschedule the November 2008 regular Board meeting to November 18, 2008 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Jim Berezow reviewed changes to the proposed 2008-2009 Student-Parent Handbook. Also presented were the results of the playground survey as completed by the playground committee. Lori James-Gross pointed out the lengthy process for designing playground areas.

April Haar presented recent enrollment figures per attached. Recent spelling bee winners will be advancing to Regional competition on May 29, 2008. There are 42 students registered for the summer enrichment program.

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Discussion was held with Bea Geraci, Tech Coordinator regarding posting Agenda notes on the Unity Point website.

Debbie Gurley presented information concerning the Professional Development School conference recently attended in conjunction with SIU-C, per attached.

Jennifer Musoiu presented information concerning the Baby Talk program at Unity Point, per attached. Twenty-four families are currently being served by this program.

Sandy Charlson 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 7:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to resume regular session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly-Gaffney Keebler to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the resignation of Sarah Dorsey as softball coach and Kara Doan as EOC aide, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to employ Tim Ward as baseball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to accept the resignation of Shannon Cremeens as board member, effective immediately. The board vacancy will be posted for acceptance of applications. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated she had received a demand to bargain from the U.P.E.A. with the first negotiations session to occur on June 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. recognized positive rapport with the Superintendent during the school year with positive expectations for the upcoming negotiations.

April Haar indicated field day will be on May 23, 2008; she is waiting to hear on several grant applications; and Unity Point was Regional Scholar Bowl champion out of 32 schools competing.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary