

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

Tuesday, November 13, 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, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Tom Harness, Bea Geraci, Robert Musoiu, Jennifer Musoiu and Clara Oliva.

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

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 4-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk arrived at 6:01 p.m. Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Rick Asaturian arrived at 6:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Andy Morgan, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated IASB Conference packets have been distributed to each board member. Mike Blair received two mini-grants for science. Two donations were recently received to offset costs with implementation of PBIS. Compliments have been received from parents concerning PBIS assemblies recently held.

A Public Hearing was held concerning the 2007 Tax Levy.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to adopt the 2007 Tax Levy; Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act and PTELL Resolution, per attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the 2007-2008 Fall Enrollment and Housing Report. The report included 710 students with 34 languages represented.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Resolution Concerning Serious Safety Hazard Finding for the 2007-2008 school year, per attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Bea Geraci presented a priority list regarding the expenditure of QZAB funds, per attached. A partnership with SIU-C is being developed for the in-kind matching contribution requirement utilizing Unity Point teachers.

Shannon Cremeens arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Lori James-Gross indicated the photovoltaic project approved by the Illinois Clean Energy Commission may only cost approximately \$12,000 through Sun Air Systems. The grant will provide \$10,000 towards this cost. Roof replacements will be evaluated soon with collaboration with the architect.

A motion was made by Andy Morgan, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to resume regular session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to employ Steve Hammett as homebound tutor at \$22.50 per hour. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjust the Food Service Director's salary to reflect 6.5 hours instead of 5 hours worked per day, effective the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Cremeens-nea, Gaffney-Keebler-yea, Morgan-yea, Schmidt-yea, Turk-yea,

Mike Wright indicated the U.P.E.A. will donate \$200 towards the membership fee to the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC).

Lori James-Gross indicated the estimated cost to blacktop the northeast playground area is approximately \$27,000 or \$22,000 with Unity Point providing the dirt work. QZAB funds could cover a portion of the costs and other funding sources are being explored as well.

April Haar indicated Unity Point will be hosting a tech day on December 6, 2007 allowing other Districts to visit our school.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary