

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

Tuesday, October 9, 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, Sandy Charlson and Shannon Cremeens. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Bea Geraci, Tammy Lipe, Josh Lipe, Samantha Hunt, Amanda Hilt, Susan Pimentel, Tom Murphy, John Dosier and Pat Kattenbraker.

Shannon Cremeens made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the Agenda with "Presentation of FY07 Audit" following "Correspondence." Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2007 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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 presented information on the upcoming IASB Annual Conference in November 2007.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to accept the 2006-2007 audit, as presented by Pat Kattenbraker, CPA. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Amanda Hilt and Samantha Hunt presented information concerning the implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) at Unity Point School, per attached. This is the first year for the nation-wide program. It will work in conjunction with the School Improvement Plan.

Tom Murphy of North by Northwest Capital Corporation and Lori James-Gross presented information concerning the issuance of QZAB bonds. It was noted the sinking fund provision of the law was suspended by the IRS. The QZAB bonds will provide for an interest free loan from First Southern Bank of Carbondale in the amount of \$1,010,955 payable over 15 years. Funds will be used for technology upgrades and facility repairs.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of QZAB Funding in the amount of \$1,010,955. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross discussed proposed changes to the mission statement, per attached. Also discussed were goals developed from the Board retreat recently held, per attached.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Andy Morgan to change Kim Davidson's position as Baby Talk aide from .50FTE to full-time; and employ AJ Chester as part-time lunchroom monitor and Kitty Campbell as part-time playground supervisor, effective 9/28/07 and 10/10/07 respectively. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures per attached. A Rural and Low Income grant was written for approximately \$40,000 that includes an expanded EXCEL program, summer enrichment program, assemblies, software and professional development. A Dept. of Natural Resources grant and Goody's grant have been written for courtyard and playground enhancements respectively.

Bill Laser presented the first quarter financial report, per attached.

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Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adopt the Resoultion Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be levied for the year 2007, regarding the tentative tax levy for 2007, per attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to release closed session minutes dated March 21, April 4, April 11, May 9, June 12, July 10, July 19, July 26 and August 14, 2007. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. inquired about QZAB financing and use of funds.

Lori James-Gross indicated Unity Point did not receive the Pre-K Initiative Grant for FY08; and the carnival will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

James Berezow indicated Fire Prevention Week is currently being observed; basketball season begins in October 2007; and a staff wellness day will be held on October 11, 2007.

A motion was made by Andy Morgan, seconded by Shannon Cremeens to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary