

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

Tuesday, December 9, 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, Rick Asaturian, Morteza Daneshdoost and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Pam Stevenson, Mike Wright, Susan Pimentel, Tammy Lipe, Steve Murphy and Bea Geraci.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda with no review of the School-Wide Title I Plan under "Principal for Instruction's Update". Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Susan Pimentel indicated the PTO will be hosting an internet safety presentation on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated a thank you letter was received from the ROE for Unity Point's participation in the Coats for Kids Program; an invitation was received to the IASB Shawnee Division Governing Committee Meeting on January 6, 2009; and a faculty in-service brunch will be held on Friday, December 19, 2008.

Lori James-Gross presented for review updated district job descriptions for secretaries and Kidz Klub director.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve food bids, per attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross provided an update to the UP Strategic Plan. Jim Berezow indicated the new playground has striping and is virtually complete except for concrete chess tables; The PTO will fund the cost for the pavilion. Lori James-Gross discussed Family Circle goals and has met with Barb Grace of Southern Region Pre-K to look for ways to improve our pre-k program. Media Center needs include wireless internet access, more computers and grant possibilities for funding.

Lori James-Gross presented for board consideration an application for School Code Waiver to Admit Non-Resident Children of District Employees. The waiver would allow children of full-time employees to attend at no cost for non-residents including a claim for General State Aid for these students.

Sandy Charlson arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to hold a hearing on the Waiver Request on December 19, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Unity Point Conference Room. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached and reviewed the District Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan, per attached.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the District Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan for submission to the ISBE. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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April Haar presented the Parent/Teacher Conference evaluation results, per attached.

Discussion was held concerning a Winter Board retreat with possible agenda items including budget issues and enrollment declines. The Winter Board retreat is tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Rick Asaturian to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to resume regular session at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the revised job description for Bea Geraci, Technology Director. The position will be 12 months including 20 days vacation effective July 1, 2009. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. inquired about enrollment; Parent/Teacher conference evaluations and the April 2009 Board election.

Lori James-Gross indicated the holiday programs were coming up within the next two weeks.

Board members shared comments on the recently held IASB Conference.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary