

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 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, Sandy Charlson, Morteza Daneshdoost, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Susan Pimentel, Mike Wright, Bruce Shingleton, Samantha Hunt and Belinda Hill.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Agenda with approval of December 19, 2008 special meeting minutes with the December 9, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 regular meeting and the December 19, 2008 special meeting, copies attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian-yea, Charlson-yea, Daneshdoost-yea, Gaffney-Keebler-yea, Morgan-yea, Schmidt-yea, Turk-abstain.

Correspondence was received from Amy Bergman requesting maternity leave beginning February 23, 2009 through May 1, 2009. Correspondence was received from Jan Eisenhard, submitting her resignation as Social Worker at Tri-County Special Education at Unity Point effective January 9, 2009. Correspondence was received from Izetta Wiggs submitting her resignation as head volleyball coach, effective immediately.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the updated District job descriptions for the secretaries, clerk/secretary and Kidz Klub director. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented for review an updated District job description for the Tech Support Specialist for future approval at the February 10, 2009 regular board meeting.

Lori James-Gross presented the results of the life-safety inspection by the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and State Fire Marshal made on January 7, 2009. Bruce Shingleton reviewed the report indicating most violations have been corrected, per attached. A report will be forthcoming from the State Fire Marshal's office.

Lori James-Gross presented a draft budget reduction plan for FY10 and FY11, per attached. Discussion was held concerning class size impact for FY11 if General State Aid does not increase; a reduction in number of classrooms in each grade level with increase in class size; and other options including tax anticipation warrants and working cash bonds to help cover the deficits.

Bill Laser presented the quarterly financial report, per attached.

Lori James-Gross presented the Certified and Non-Certified Seniority Lists for approval at the regular February 10, 2009 board meeting, per attached.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Enrollment is down 38 students over FY08. The School-Wide Title I Plan and Parent Involvement Policy were presented, per attached. Unity Point will host a Fulbright ESL teacher from Uruguay. Tammy Bailey-Smith and April Haar will be presenting at a mentoring

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workshop and there is an upcoming Multi-Cultural Awareness in-service to be held on February 13, 2009.

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to resume regular session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to employ Ron Rogers as head volleyball coach and Rebecca Schlenker-Korb as the assistant volleyball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. indicated the Superintendent evaluations received from the staff were positive. He appreciates the open communication from Lori James-Gross on budget issues and hopes we don't see 35-40 student class loads in the future.

Lori James-Gross will represent Southern Illinois schools for the teacher mentoring program in San Jose, CA at the National Conference in February, 2009.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt, President

Rick Asaturian, Secretary