

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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, Gene Turk, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Terry Gholson, Mike Gholson, Maria Trapani, Stephen Murphy, Shari Sweeney, Susan Pimentel and Megan Cross.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda with a presentation by Stephen Murphy, Superintendent Intern, following "2008 Summer Enrichment Program Report." Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2008 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 special meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross from Chris Midden expressing appreciation to Jim Berezow and April Haar for their assistance with improving ISAT writing scores in his classroom this past school year. Correspondence was also read from Mike Gholson indicating his retirement at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Correspondence is included in each board member's packet from the The Women's Center, IASB, Patsy Cremeens and Sarah Dorsey.

Pieter Schmidt administered the Oath of Office for newly seated board member Morteza Daneshdoost.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the Application for Waiver concerning attendance on Lincoln's Birthday (February 12). Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Shari Sweeney presented information regarding the 2008 Summer Enrichment Program recently held at Unity Point School. Forty-five students and six teachers participated in the program.

Stephen Murphy presented information concerning updating the Board Policy Manual, per attached.

A motion was made by Molly Gaffney-Keebler, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Agreement with Southern Illinois Regional Social Services for the 2008-2009 school year, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures; preliminary ISAT scores and Annual Yearly Progress Report, per attached.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to select Interstate Brands, Prairie Farms and Hines Oil as supplier of bread/buns, milk and diesel fuel respectively for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Bill Laser and Lori James-Gross presented the end-of-year financial report, per attached.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the Application for Use of Temporary Facility for the 2008-2009 school year, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Pieter Schmidt to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to resume regular session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2008 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Morteza Daneshdoost, seconded by Gene Turk to accept the retirement of Patsy Cremeens as cook effective end of the 2007-2008 school year, with thanks for a job well done. She will continue employment as a part-time bus driver. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to accept the resignation of Sarah Dorsey as bus driver, effective end of the 2007-2008 school year, with thanks for a job well done. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to accept the retirement of Mike Gholson as fourth grade teacher effective end of the 2008-2009 school year, with thanks for a job well done. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to employ Megan Cross as special education teacher and Maria Trapani as fifth grade teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, contingent upon proper certification. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Pieter Schmidt made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve teacher aide assignments for the 2008-2009 school year, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. indicated a negotiations meeting with the Board will be held on July 10, 2008. He also inquired about ISAT scores, teaching schedules and playground area developments.

Lori James-Gross indicated a Board/Community retreat will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008 to evaluate the goals developed at the previous retreat. Jim Berezow presented a playground update and indicated Japanese educators and students will be visiting our school on October 18-21, 2008. April Haar indicated science and writing curriculum mapping; and RtI planning is taking place in July 2008. The IMSA program will take place at Unity Point on July 21-25, 2008.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Pieter Schmidt, President

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Rick Asaturian, Secretary