

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Unity Point Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Rick Asaturian, Sandy Charlson, Dan Chester, Morteza Daneshdoost, and Molly Gaffney-Keebler. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, April Haar, Bill Laser, Samantha Hunt, Mike Wright, Chris Midden, Chris Mattingly, Alisa Simpson, Brenda Jones, and Tim Ward.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andrea Brown of the ISBE complimented Lori James-Gross and the teachers on their participation at a recent in-service. Correspondence was received from the IPA complimenting April Haar's contribution to the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan.

The Quarterly Financial Report was presented by Bill Laser. Lori James-Gross presented a State budget update.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE 30/COPE School for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the SIU Resolution for Placement of Student Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Unity Point School meets IDEA standards per data from the 2008-2009 school year regarding special education services. Several students will advance to History and Science Fair State competition. Unity Point excelled in recent choir and band competition. Unity Point was recently recognized by the Illinois PBIS Network for success with PBIS implementation.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, 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 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Dan Chester made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to resume regular session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to employ Tim Ward as Athletic Director for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to accept the resignation of Melissa Smith as Co-Student Council sponsor with thanks for a job well done, effective end of the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated the sick leave request from Tom Harness will be worked out between him and the superintendent.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to hire Brenda Jones as a retired Administrator (120 day) for the 2010-2011 school year at \$200/day. Her salary may qualify as administrative salary for the AARA Ed Tech Competitive Grant recently awarded. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to update April Haar's Contract to include a four year extension, updated salary and termination clause. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to update the Superintendent's Contract for vacation pay changes to be capped at 10 unused compensated days per year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Discussion was held with Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. regarding the Pre-K Program status; current enrollment figures; Brenda Jones' title (Administrative Assistant); parent complaint handled recently by the Administration; April Haar's Contract; Lori James-Gross' Contract; Contract negotiations and cell phone use by students.

Gene Turk arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary