

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

Tuesday, February 9, 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, Sandy Charlson, Dan Chester, Morteza Daneshdoost, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Jim Berezow, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Michelle Pritchard, Salina Holloway, Samantha Hunt, Jill Misner, Amanda Hilt, Kerry Glenn, Chris Midden, and Amanda Kowalski.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Agenda with the Resolution to Transfer Working Cash Bond Funds in the amount of \$49,500 instead of \$204,974. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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

Correspondence was received regarding an invitation to the IASB Spring Conference meeting to be held on February 23, 2010. Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross from Deb Gurley expressing appreciation for the flowers received during her recent hospital stay; and from Jim Berezow, Principal indicating his intent to retire effective June 30, 2010.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to accept the letter of intent to retire from Jim Berezow with thanks for a job well done. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

The BINA Hearing was called to order by Andy Morgan with the intent to issue up to \$850,000 in working cash fund bonds. There were no comments from the audience.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a Special Board meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to authorize the sale of working cash fund bonds and timely notify the County Clerk's Office prior to March 1, 2010 to include the bonds on the 2009 tax levy.

Rick Asaturian arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to transfer \$49,500 from Working Cash Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated she has met with all personnel impacted by the budget reduction plan regarding the non-renewal and reduction-in-force process for 2010-2011.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the non-renewal with honorable dismissal of certified, non-tenured teachers Ginger Staples, Elisa Jaros and Alma Gomez for the 2010-2011 school year, per administrative recommendation. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the reduction-in-force with honorable dismissal of non-certified aides Sharon Wilson, Nicole Mileur and Montana Duty for the 2010-2011 school year, per administrative recommendation. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to destroy closed meeting recordings prior to September 2008, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, seconded by Dan Chester to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to resume regular session at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to renew April Haar's Contract for four years commencing with the 2010-2011 school year, per Lori James-Gross's recommendation. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to employ a retired administrator for a maximum of 120 days at \$200/day for the 2010-2011 school year. The new administrator will perform administrative duties as directed by April Haar and Lori James-Gross. Along with increased administrative duties for April Haar there will be a \$10,000 salary adjustment for the 2010-2011 school year in addition to the reinstatement of the Athletic Director stipend of \$2485, per Lori James-Gross's recommendation. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. inquired regarding the new administrative scenarios for the 2010-2011 school year.

Lori James-Gross indicated Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the evening on February 11, 2010 with Academic Night being held on February 19, 2010.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary