

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

Tuesday, July 14, 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, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Sandy Charlson, Morteza Daneshdoost, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Danny Chester. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Jim Berezow, Bill Laser, Ginger Murray, Pam Stevenson, Mike Wright, Terry Gholson, Susan Pimentel and Susan Culton.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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

Correspondence was received from Mike Gholson expressing his appreciation for the recognition of his years of service at the retirement brunch held June 5, 2009; and a thank you note was received from the Illinois Migrant Council in appreciation for the donation of books collected at Unity Point.

Ginger Murray presented information concerning the current status of the Unity Point Foundation (handouts attached).

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the 2009-2010 Unity Point School Student/Parent Handbook and the Non-Certified Handbook revisions. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Resolution Regarding Lease of School Property (per attached). Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Annual Linkage Agreement with Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (SIRRS) for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to select Prairie Farms and Hines Oil as supplier of milk and diesel fuel respectively for the 2009-2010 school year. Bread bids will be approved at the regular August 2009 Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Application for Use of Temporary Facility for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the Board Committee meeting dates (per attached). It was the consensus of the Board to accept the dates presented.

Lori James-Gross presented for discussion the need for a Board/Community retreat. Current established goals are on hold due to budget constraints. A tentative date of October 3, 2009 was set for a retreat to provide a technology preview of building classrooms for the Board and community.

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Bill Laser presented the end-of-year financial report, per attached. Lori James-Gross presented an update on State budget issues, per attached. Discussion was held concerning the status of the 2009-2010 school year Reading Improvement Grant and Pre-K Grants. Discussion was held concerning allocation of ARRA funding for the 2009-2010 school year, per attached.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. The 2009 preliminary ISAT scores and AYP were presented, per attached. Discussion was held concerning the 2009 summer enrichment program review, per attached.

A motion was made by Molly Gaffney-Keebler, 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 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to resume regular session at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the voluntary transfer of Christy Cross to first grade for the 2009-2010 school year, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson, to approve the voluntary transfer of Rebecca Borowitz to second grade for the 2009-2010 school year, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to employ Ginger Staples as Kindergarten teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, contingent upon proper certification, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve a one year contract for Vicki Mogharreban for the 2009-2010 school year as Family Circle Director. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the request for extended sick leave for Sylvia Weaks beginning August 17, 2009 thru January 10, 2010. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

April Haar announced Alisa Simpson secured a Monarch set of books grant worth approximately \$400. Jim Berezow indicated there is still a need for boys basketball coaches for the 2009-2010 school year. Lori James-Gross indicated a school bus driver is needed for the 2009-2010 school year.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.