

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

Tuesday, September 8, 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, Rick Asaturian, Sandy Charlson, Molly Gaffney-Keebler and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Susan Culton, Alisa Simpson, Susan Pimentel, and Bea Geraci.

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

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross from IMSA expressing appreciation for hosting the Summer Sleuths Camp at Unity Point. Correspondence was also received from the Illinois PBIS Network in recognition of the level of PBIS implementation at Unity Point; and a thank you card was received from Jenny Bourque for the baby gift recently received.

Lori James-Gross indicated there were no new developments at the State level that would impact FY10 budget planning at this time. Discussion was held regarding recent meetings held with local legislators and ISBE representatives concerning the State budget crisis.

Lori James-Gross indicated the Policy & Finance Committee could not meet due to scheduling conflicts; the Personnel and Facility Committees recently met. Future budget considerations will determine staffing needs and facilities are in good order for the beginning of school.

Bea Geraci presented a technology update. Discussion was held concerning the EETT Grant that was completed as of 8-31-09. Student computers will not be needed for 5 years and a total of 661 computers are currently in the building. Twenty-six teachers recently participated in the UP Tech Feast which included a guest speaker.

Discussion was held concerning electronic Board packets and conducting paperless meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to implement this on a trial basis for the regular November 2009 meeting.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated employee job descriptions are still being updated. April Haar presented current enrollment figures. There are currently 66 ESL students at Unity Point School. She also presented an update on the School Improvement Plan.

Pursuant to Public Act 96-0434, Lori James-Gross presented the Salary Compensation Report for Administrators, per attached. The report is required to be posted on the District website by October 1 and a copy is to be filed with the Regional Office of Education.

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Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to resume regular session at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to employ Kenny Watson as boys junior high basketball coach; Ginger Staples as assistant girls junior high basketball coach; and Josh Davis as boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. recognized Bea Geraci for her efforts to keep Unity Point updated on technology and creating a state of the art school.

April Haar indicated Open House will be September 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and foreign language is being taught as an after-school activity.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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Andy Morgan, President

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Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary