

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 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, Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Morteza Daneshdoost, and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, and Mike Wright.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charleson to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Dan Chester made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross recognizing Unity Point School as a fully implementing PBIS school for the 2010-2011 school year. A thank you letter was received from Vintage Tech Recyclers for our recent donation of old computers for recycling; a thank you was received from Dan and Janet Walker for the memorial gift in memory of Janet's mother; from Bea Geraci for the memorial gift in memory of her mother.

Andy Morgan provided follow up to the IASB Fall Dinner meeting; information shared about TRS/IMRF pension changes and legislative updates.

Lori James-Gross explained the training requirements for Board Members for SB7: Mandated Training for Board Members and Formation of Joint Committee for RIF Process required by December 1, 2011.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to appoint Lori James-Gross and April Haar to represent the Board on the Joint Committee for RIF Process. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James Gross provided a Kidz Klub updated. After reviewing the program with Crystal Phillips; a decision was made to reduce staff by 2.5 positions effective 10-1-11 thru December 31, 2011 to assist with the budgetary concerns; a PTO sponsored forum may then be held to discuss a fee increase; re-evaluate the program after December 31, 2011; activity choices have been reduced as well.

Bill Laser presented the First Quarter Financial Report, per attached.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to adopt the Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2011, as presented by Bill Laser, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson authorizing Lori James-Gross to employ ancillary staff (bus mechanic; EOC Aides) as needed. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

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

Lori James-Gross is exploring the possibility of a Tri-County classroom at Unity Point, more information to follow.

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Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to release the closed session minutes to include: July 12, 2011, June 7, 2011, May 10, 2011, March 8, 2011, February 8, 2011, January 11, 2011, December 14, 2010 and November 9, 2010. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated that the windows upgrades have been done; the Pre-K fence has been erected; the air conditioning upgrades have been done.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary