

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

Tuesday, September 13, 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 the president, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Gene Turk, Sandy Charlson and Morteza Daneshdoost. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Mike Wright, Shandereen White and Paige Born.

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

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Lori James-Gross indicated correspondence was received from Ashley Taylor and Milly Kaiser expressing appreciation for the substitute teacher in-service recently held; a thank you note was received from Pixie Vaughn for the flower arrangement received following her recent surgery; a certificate of achievement was received from Jackson County Health Dept. for recycling 21,240 pounds of waste last school year; correspondence was received from The Globe Program recognizing Chris Midden's recent completion of their professional development workshop; correspondence was received from SIU-C indicating Chris Midden was selected to participate in the Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program to develop a fellowship program targeted at developing highly qualified K-8 teachers in high-need rural school districts; the IASB Fall Dinner meeting will be held October 3, 2011 in Marion, IL; the 2011-2012 Budget Hearing will be held on September 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve Policy 5:330--Educational Support Personnel Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to increase the price of milk charged to students from 25 cents to 30 cents, effective October 3, 2011. This is to comply with the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2011 where the price charged for a carton of milk must at least equal the cost. Lori James-Gross indicated the price charged for a student lunch will need to be increased gradually to equal the amount received as federal reimbursement (currently \$2.46). Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Gene Turk, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the 2011-2012 Application for Recognition of Schools. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

The Board/Community Retreat will be held on October 1, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the library. Topics will include the Program Organizational Chart and Student Support System.

Discussion was held concerning mandated Board member training as presented by the IASB, per attached.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Discussion was held concerning the District Title 1 Plan, Parent Involvement Policy and special education caseload update, per attached.

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Discussion was held with Mike Wright of the U.P.E.A. concerning special education inclusion; FOIA updates; Senate Bill 7 and the forming of a joint committee before December 1, 2011 to define seniority and reduction-in-force; and the new teacher evaluation model.

Morteza Daneshdoost departed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary