

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 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, Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Sandy Charlson, Dan Chester, Morteza Daneshdoost and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Alisa Simpson, Pam Stevenson, Suzanne Sanders, Luke Fleisher, Tim Ward, and C. J. Buss.

Dan Chester made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013, 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 Sandy Charlson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Correspondence was received by Lori James-Gross from Ginger Staples requesting a maternity leave beginning April 12, 2013. Lorrie Hawk requested three weeks medical leave for her daughter's pregnancy beginning March 22, 2013. A request was received from the IASB for Illinois School Board Members and Superintendents to complete a survey. A thank you note was received from the William Batteau family expressing appreciation for flowers received during the recent death in the family. A listing of community flyers recently approved by the administration was presented.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded Molly Gaffney-Keebler to accept Ginger Staples' request for maternity leave and Lorrie Hawk's request for medical leave. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson, Morteza Daneshdoost and Rick Asaturian provided a summary of the IASB Spring Dinner Meeting recently attended.

It was the consensus of the Board to not amend the 2012-2013 school year calendar that includes the last day of school on May 22 and Teacher Institute on May 23, 2013. Graduation will be held on May 16, 2013.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the 2013-2014 proposed School Calendar, per attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross provided an update on the April 9, 2013 Referendum.

April Haar presented current enrollment figures, per attached; a 2013-2014 school year registration update; student suspension report, per attached; and a yearly comparison of Explore Test results for high school placement. Mr. Buss, social studies teacher, presented info on a proposed student trip to Washington, D.C. over Spring Break in March 2014.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Molly Gaffney-Keebler to approve the Washington D.C. trip if students are interested. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

It was the consensus of the Board to re-schedule the April 9 Board meeting to April 16, 2013.

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A motion was made by Dan Chester, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler departed the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to resume regular session at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to accept the recommendation of the Administration to grant tenure to Elisa Jaros, Ginger Staples and Holly Wyne; to re-employ 3rd year non-tenured teachers Amy Bruce, Brynn Freed, and Brett Pinnon; to re-employ 2nd year non-tenured teacher C. J. Buss; and to re-employ part-time teacher Carlyn Zimmermann and Administrative Assistant Brenda Jones for the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to accept the recommendation of the Administration to employ C.J. Buss as head boys baseball coach and Brynn Freed as head cross country coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary