

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

Tuesday, May 14, 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, Morteza Daneshdoost, with the following members present: Morteza Daneshdoost, Rick Asaturian, Andy Morgan, Sandy Charlson, Suzanne Sanders, and Tom Upton. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Lori Spillman, Brett Pinnon, and Omero Anguiano.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated correspondence was received from Susan Murphy expressing appreciation for the gift received during the recent birth of her child; correspondence was received from Ginger Staples expressing appreciation for the gift received during the recent birth of her child; a thank you note was received from DuQuoin Elementary School staff for the recent visit to view technology in the classroom; a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois State Capitol was received for participation in Tech 2013; an update/memo was received from the IASB to the Board; and a listing of community flyers recently approved by the administration was provided to the Board.

Lori James-Gross presented information regarding required board member training and upcoming training dates.

Lori James-Gross reported the 2013 COPS Hiring Program Grant which originally included Trico, Unity Point and Giant City Schools would be too costly long term so application will not be made for the grant.

Gene Turk arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve for submission the ISBE Maintenance Grant for summer 2013 which will include brick work, brick sealing and replacement of the 1986 addition roof, up to a maximum project cost of \$100,000. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to select Gerlock and Associates as student accident insurance carrier for the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Brett Pinnon presented Student/Parent Handbook revisions as part of the Masters in Administration requirement; April Haar presented the Athletic Handbook changes which includes cross country and coach's names added; a list of end-of-year activities was distributed, per attached; 8th grade graduation will be held on May 16, 2013; current enrollment figures and suspension report were presented, per attached; and a determination letter was received from ISBE indicating Unity Point "meets requirements" in implementing the requirements of IDEA.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the June 11, 2013 meeting date and change the meeting date in July to July 16, 2013.

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A motion was made by Rick Asaturian, 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 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to resume regular session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to employ Kelli Greenlee as a full-time special education teacher for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon proper certification. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Charlson – yea, Daneshdoost - yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Upton – yea, Turk – nay.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the revised job description and compensation adjustment for the Assistant to the Principal. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to absorb the technology teacher position through attrition and post an exploratory position for the 2013-14 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve additional job responsibilities for maintenance duties and compensation adjustment for the 2012-13 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to employ Omero Anguiano as Technology Director with job description, compensation and benefits, per attached, effective July 1, 2013. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

The Board gave approval to begin contract negotiations for the 2013-14 school year, allowing Lori James-Gross and Bill Laser to begin meeting with the U.P.E.A.

April Haar announced Unity Point students excelled at the Engineering Olympia recently held at CCHS; Unity Point received 24 honors at the State Science Fair; and Unity Point received an SIU Certificate of Achievement for participation in a recent bullying workshop.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost, President

Andy Morgan, Secretary