

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Unity Point Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Rick Asaturian, Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Sandy Charlson, Dan Chester, and Gene Turk. Others present were Lori James-Gross, April Haar, Bill Laser, Becky Borowitz and Steve Larson.

Dan Chester made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Agenda with Application for Recognition of Schools to be tabled until the October 9, 2012 regular board meeting. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Molly Gaffney-Keebler made the motion, seconded by Dan Chester to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Dan Chester made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Correspondence was received from Kay Tennill, expressing appreciation for the retirement reception held in her honor; congratulations were extended to Sandy Charlson who recently became a IASB LeaderShop Academy Member; a donation of \$500 was received from David and Carol King; an invitation was received to the IASB Shawnee Fall meeting on October 2, 2012 at Joppa High School; the Unity Point Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.; and discussion was held concerning community flyers recently approved by the Administration.

Steve Larson, Financial Advisor with Ehlers & Associates, discussed financial planning options for funding the operating budget over the next several years, per attached.

Lori James-Gross presented information on the Jackson County sales tax proposal. Local superintendents will be seeking Board approval to proceed with placing the proposal on the April 13, 2013 ballot.

Lori James-Gross presented a review of the District Goals and Planning Report created by Dr. Patrick Rice, IASB, summarizing the June 9, 2012, board/community retreat, per attached.

Information regarding mandated board member training for Open Meetings Act and professional development training was presented by Lori James-Gross.

April Haar presented the 2012-2013 current enrollment report, per attached.

April Haar and Lori James-Gross presented an overview of the Illinois RTTT3 Scope of Work and Tasks, per attached. Discussion was held regarding the intent to participate in the Federal RTTT3 grant competition with Murphysboro School District #186.

Andy Morgan departed at 8:20 p.m.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, President

Molly Gaffney-Keebler, Secretary