

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 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: Rick Asaturian, Morteza Daneshdoost, Andy Morgan, Suzanne Sanders, Gene Turk and Tom Upton. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Chris Midden, Kerry Glenn, Susan Pimentel, Brett Pinnon, John Longueville, Omero Anguiano, Wendell Pohlman, Jill Davis, Craig Davis, Alisa Simpson and Deb Gurley.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders 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 March 18, 2014 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost recognized guests and visitors that were present. Susan Pimentel commented on the referendum; attachments to the Agenda being available on the website; and the request made to the PTO for the purchase of software license updates. John Longueville thanked the voters and preservation committee members for the success of the referendum and all their support.

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

Lori James-Gross indicated a resignation letter was received from Stephanie Reece, part-time music teacher effective end of the 2013-14 school year.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to accept the resignation of Stephanie Reece as part-time music teacher. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated a letter of retirement was received from Shari Sweeney effective end of the 2014-2015 school year; an application for non-resident pupil attendance was received from Teresa Snyder; an invitation was received to attend the IASB Shawnee Division Governing meeting on May 8, 2014; an invitation was extended to the Unity Point retiree reception brunch on June 2, 2014; and a list of community flyers approved by the administration was presented.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to approve the non-resident pupil attendance application from Teresa Snyder. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented for discussion a request to pay wages to non-certified staff for Act of God Days taken during the 2013-14 school year. Lori James-Gross offered to allow staff to work over the summer to avoid wage reductions. The Board discussed drafting a policy to address future payment of wages to non-certified staff for Act of God days.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to pay non-certified staff for 6 Act of God days to be worked over the summer. Motion carried 4-2 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Turk – nea, Upton – nea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the Amended 2013 tax levy following voter approval of the referendum on March 18, 2014. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser presented the Quarterly Financial Report. Lori James-Gross indicated there could possibly be an 82-85% General State Aid proration for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Lori James-Gross indicated the Superintendent's Contract language may need to be amended at the May 2014 Board meeting to be compliant with SB1 in relation to current pension law recently passed. The IASA attorney is currently reviewing the Superintendent's Contract for potential changes.

Lori James-Gross indicated a request was made for property casualty insurance bids for a 3 year period effective July 1, 2014. Bids will be opened on April 30 with selection of the insurance carrier at the May 2014 Board meeting.

Lori James-Gross presented the 2013-14 school year Regional Office of Education Health-Life-Safety report, per attached. There were no emergency violations out of seven citations.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the intergovernmental agreement with ROE 30 / COPE School for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the bid relating to the ISBE Energy Efficiency Grant to Ponder Service, Inc. in the amount of \$249,967. Two addendums were dropped which lowered the bid to \$230,642 for replacement of 18 a/c units with work to be completed by August 1, 2014. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented for discussion the Tri-County Secondary Transitional Experience Program which would provide summer employment for a former Unity Point Student at minimum wage.

Tom Upton made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the employment of a Tri-County Secondary Transitional student for 235 hours over the summer. Motion carried 5-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Upton – yea, Turk – nea.

Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached. There were no suspensions to report. Kerry Glenn presented Unity Point recent honors and awards, per attached.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Gene Turk to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee or officer at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk departed at 7:55 p.m.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to resume regular session at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk returned at 8:00 p.m.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.