

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

Tuesday, May 13, 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, and Tom Upton. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Lisa Sisk, Tim Ward, Wendell Pohlman, Chris Midden, Kerry Glenn, Deb Gurley, Susan Pimentel, Boyd Goodson, Jill Davis, Stacey Silver-Teutrine, Terry Page, Omero Anguiano and Mary Terpinitz.

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost recognized guests and visitors that were present. Boyd Goodson read his letter addressed to the Board.

Sandy Charlson arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Gene Turk arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross from Chris Mattingly and Mike Wright indicating their intent to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Correspondence was read from Amanda Hilt indicating her resignation as assistant softball coach effective immediately. Correspondence was read from Debbie Gurley and Kerry Glenn expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve as interim principals for the spring semester. Correspondence was received from Melissa Pickens expressing appreciation for flowers received during her recent hospital stay. A thank you note was received from the AAUW expressing appreciation for Chris Mattingly's efforts each year with the art contest. Lori James-Gross indicated Chris Midden is a Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math & Science Nominee and is also a recipient of the Non-Native Invasive Species Award. Lori also indicated Molly Andrew was a 2014 Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest recipient; a thank you note was received from Marla Motsinger expressing appreciation for Unity Point transporting home the Carterville Scholar Bowl team; and a list of community flyers recently approved by the administration was presented.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve Chris Mattingly's and Mike Wright's letter of intent to retire effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yes.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the resignation of Amanda Hilt as assistant softball coach, effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yes.

Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Discussion was held regarding class size and staffing needs for the 2014-15 school year, per attached.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the hiring of two additional elementary teachers and replace the retiring second grade teacher for the 2014-15 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Charlson – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Upton – yea, Turk – nea.

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Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to adopt the IASB School Funding Resolution as read by Lori James-Gross, per attached. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Charlson – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Upton – yea, Turk – nea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to award Property Casualty Insurance to Selective Insurance Company (MH Insurance Centre) for a three year period beginning July 1, 2014. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Gene Turk to award Student Accident Insurance for the 2014-15 school year to Gerlock and Associates. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Deb Gurley presented for review the 2014-2015 Student/Parent Handbook revisions; the 2014-2015 Athletic Handbook revisions; and the 2014-2015 Kidz Klub Handbook revisions.

Kerry Glenn presented for review the 2013-14 end of year activities, per attached; and provided an update of the Unity Point Honors and Awards for the 2013-14 school year.

Lori James-Gross indicated there were 3 suspensions to report since the last Board meeting.

Lori James-Gross requested comments on whether a quorum would be present at the June 10 and July 15, 2014 Board meetings.

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 an employee or officer at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to resume regular session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve proposed changes to the Superintendent's Contract. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Chris Midden of the UPEA read a statement on behalf of the UPEA regarding payment of non-certified wages for Act of God days. Morteza Daneshdoost requested this topic be put on the Agenda for the June 2014 meeting.

Andy Morgan made a motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.