

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 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, Tom Upton, Gene Turk, Suzanne Sanders and Sandy Charlson. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Debbie Gurley, Kerry Glenn, Chris Midden, Chris Rogers, Eric Jung, Michelle Pritchard, Ashlee Pritchard, Craig Davis, Suzanne Phillips, Mary Phillips and Susan Pimentel.

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

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost recognized guests and visitors that were present.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated a letter of resignation was received from Karli Johnson as 5th/6th grade Math teacher effective end of the 2014-15 school year; a paternity leave request was received from Christopher Rogers for a period of two weeks upon the birth of his son; an invitation was extended to the Board for a reception brunch to honor Unity Point retirees on June 3, 2015; and a thank you note was received from Good Samaritan Ministries expressing appreciation for the donation of fruit and vegetables.

Tom Upton made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the resignation request by Karli Johnson and paternity leave request by Christopher Rogers. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to set the date of May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the seating of new board members. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Bill Laser presented the quarterly financial report, per attached. Lori James-Gross indicated public schools will experience a 2% reduction in State funding for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Unity Point may be eligible for a hold harmless allocation which could reduce the reduction to approximately \$17,000.

Susan Pimentel of the SIU Internal Auditing Department provided a presentation on external audits and internal controls review, per attached.

Lori James-Gross presented the findings of a recent health-life-safety inspection conducted by the Regional Office of Education on January 15, 2015, per attached. There were no emergency violations cited.

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

A motion was made by Sandy Charlson, seconded by Suzanne Sanders 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 6:59 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to resume regular session at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Tom Upton to employ Stephanie Feeman as 2nd year non-tenured 3rd grade teacher for the 2015-16 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Chris Midden of the U.P.E.A. thanked the Board for their efforts and cooperation in working with the U.P.E.A. Gene Turk thanked the Board for their professionalism during his eight years serving as a board member. He also requested any funds typically used for a retirement gift for him be directed to replace chess club equipment and supplies.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost, President

Andy Morgan, Secretary