MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITY POINT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 9, 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: Morteza Daneshdoost, Rick Asaturian, Sandy Charlson, Andy Morgan, Suzanne Sanders, Gene Turk and Tom Upton. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Debbie Gurley, Kerry Glenn, Cheryl Rister, Chris Midden, Pam Stevenson, Maria Deaton, Alisa Simpson, Lisa Sisk, and Wendell Pohlman.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Agenda with Library Grant presentation by Alisa Simpson after correspondence; and a retirement letter from Shari Sweeney, a maternity leave request from Kellie Haak, and an IASB dinner invitation under correspondence. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular meeting as amended to include Eric Turk changed to Erich Turk, copy attached. Motion carried 7-0 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 7-0 with all voting yea.

A list of community flyers recently approved by the Administration was presented. Lori James-Gross indicated a retirement letter from Shari Sweeney and a maternity leave request from Kellie Haak were received. There will be an IASB Shawnee Division Governing meeting on January 6, 2015.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to approve Shari Sweeney's retirement request effective end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve Kellie Haak's maternity leave request effective end of January 2015. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Presentation of the FY14 Audit will be tabled until the January 13, 2015 regular meeting.

A presentation was made by Alisa Simpson regarding a Library Per Capita grant in the amount of $750 and new enhancements for the library this school year.

Andy Morgan made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to adopt the 2014 Tax Levy; Certificate Regarding Inapplicability of the Truth-in-Taxation Law and PTELL Resolution as presented by Bill Laser, per attached. Motion carried 6-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Charlson – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Morgan – yea, Sanders – yea, Upton – yea, Turk – nea.

Gene Turk made the motion, seconded by Sandy Charlson to approve the Smart Snack Fundraising Policy, effective January 1, 2015. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to approve food bids as presented for January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the IASA Vision 20/20 initiative information. A Resolution for support of the Vision 20/20 initiative will be presented for approval at the January 13, 2015 board meeting.

Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached.  There were no suspensions to report.

The annual review form for the Superintendent's evaluation has been distributed to the Board of Education for further discussion at the January 13, 2015 Board meeting.

Chris Midden of the UPEA expressed appreciation to the Administration for a successful school year thus far and expressed support for Dean of Students and Curriculum Specialist positions to continue for the 2015-16 school year.

Kerry Glenn and Debbie Gurley congratulated Lori James-Gross for being nominated Superintendent of the Year for the IASA Shawnee Division.  Morteza Daneshdoost expressed support and congratulations to Lori James-Gross for her nomination.

Sandy Charlson made the motion, seconded by Andy Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.  Motion carried 7-0 with all voting yea.


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Morteza Daneshdoost, President                             Andy Morgan, Secretary