

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

Tuesday, May 12, 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, Andy Morgan, with the following members present: Andy Morgan, Rick Asaturian, Tom Upton, Suzanne Sanders and D.W. Presley. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Debbie Gurley, Kerry Glenn, Chris Midden, Penny Burnside, Susan Pimentel, Jamie Hagy-Folyer, Dorothy Ryall and Omero Anguiano.

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

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 special meeting(s), copies attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan recognized guests and visitors that were present. Dorothy Ryall, 8th grade student, addressed the Board regarding the importance of the Unity Point social worker teaching communication skills to all students and the need for additional staff assistance in this area.

A motion was made by D.W. Presley, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross indicated a letter of resignation was received from Karen Frick, part-time K-3 music teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year; a thank you note was received from Keith Wilson, Dean of the SIU College of Education and Human Services for the Superintendent's recent participation in the accreditation site visit; and a thank you note was received from Karla Blair expressing appreciation for flowers received following her recent surgery.

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to accept the resignation of Karen Frick effective end of the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the 2015-16 Board of Education calendar of board meeting dates, per attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Discussion was held concerning the Unity Point student residency policy.

Lori James-Gross presented the current enrollment report, per attached.

Discussion was held concerning class sizes and staffing needs for the 2015-16 school year, especially in 2nd grade where projected class sizes are expected to be high. The administration is considering collapsing two junior high math classes into one class and transferring one junior high teacher into a second grade classroom. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Superintendent to move forward with this process.

Kerry Glenn presented information concerning the need for a technology teacher for the 2015-16 school year, especially with the new PARCC testing requirements and the retirement of the librarian in December 2015. It was the consensus of the Board to post for the technology teacher position.

A motion was made by D.W. Presley, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to award student accident insurance to Gerlock & Associates for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by D.W. Presley to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE #30/COPE School for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to join the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce at an annual cost of \$260. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Rick Asaturian to increase student lunches from \$1.75 to \$2.00; student breakfasts from \$1.00 to \$1.10; adult lunches from \$2.50 to \$2.75; and adult breakfasts from \$1.10 to \$1.20 in conjunction with the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Debbie Gurley presented the 2015-16 Student/Parent Handbook; Athletic Handbook and Kidz Klub Handbook proposed revisions for Board approval at the regular June 2015 meeting.

Kerry Glenn and Omero Anguiano presented information regarding the recent PARCC testing administered to students, per attached. Kerry Glenn also presented a list of end-of-year activities and Unity Point honors and awards, per attached. Lori James-Gross presented the student suspension report, per attached.

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian 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 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to resume regular session at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Executive Session meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to employ Chris Rogers as Technology Director effective July 1, 2015, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by D.W. Presley to approve the voluntary transfer request by Peggy Ebbs to a 3rd grade classroom for the 2015-16 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Suzanne Sanders, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Penny Burnside as a multiage teacher for the 2015-16 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to employ Stephanie Feeman and Jermaine Gill as co-assistant girls basketball coaches for the 2015-16 school year, per Lori James-Gross recommendation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Debbie Gurley indicated two works of art were recently donated to Unity Point by a renowned Korean artist who recently retired from SIU-Carbondale. Lori James-Gross mentioned there will be a special Board meeting workshop held on May 26, 2015 with IASB and she extended an invitation to the June 3, 2015 retirement reception brunch to be held at Unity Point.

Suzanne Sanders made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Andy Morgan, Secretary

D.W. Presley, Secretary