

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

Monday, March 20, 2017, 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, Suzanne Sanders, with the following members present: Rick Asaturian, Craig Davis, Eric Jung, D.W. Presley, and Suzanne Sanders. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Kerry Glenn, Deborah Gurley, Chris Midden, Stephanie Feeman and Wendell Pohlman.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017, regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Suzanne Sanders recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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

Lori James-Gross indicated a thank you note was received from Angela Harris expressing appreciation for the memorial donation recently received on behalf of her father. A letter of resignation was received from Lynn Graves as special education teacher effective end of the 2016-2017 school year. A letter of resignation was received from Lynette Winters as cheerleading coach effective end of the 2016-2017 school year. A request was received from Action for a Better Tomorrow Community Group wanting to distribute anti-bullying yard signs. It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request because of the potential political association it may convey.

Eric Jung made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to accept the letter of resignation from Lynn Graves as special education teacher and the letter of resignation from Lynette Winters as Cheerleading Coach, effective end of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the current enrollment figures, per attached. There were no suspensions to report. A student awards update was presented, per attached. Southern Illinois Healthcare sponsored a "Name the Cafeteria Contest." TROJAN CAFÉ was selected as the new name for the Unity Point cafeteria. Stephanie Feeman and Kerry Glenn presented data assessment utilization techniques used in the 3rd grade classrooms.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to approve the naming of the cafeteria as "TROJAN CAFÉ". Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Eric Jung made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to approve updated Board Policy 7:60 Residence without the non-resident tuition students provision. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Eric Jung to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants; and Certification of Resolution and Minutes. Motion carried 4-0-1 with votes as follows: Asaturian – yea, Davis – yea, Sanders – yea, Jung – yea, Presley – abstain.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the Regional Office of Education Agreement regarding the county school facility tax. The Agreement determines how funds are collected and distributed to Jackson County schools. The sales tax will take effect July 1, 2017. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented an update on the J-8 meeting regarding county sales tax that was recently held.

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D.W. Presley provided a follow up to the Illinois Association of School Board Spring Dinner recently held. The main topic discussed concerned seat belts being installed in school buses.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the amended 2016-17 school calendar as presented by Lori James-Gross, per attached. The last day of school will be May 26; 8th grade graduation will be May 18 and the final teacher institute day will be May 30, 2017. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the proposed 2017-18 school calendar as presented by Lori James-Gross, per attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the purchase of a 2012 John Deere Tractor from Mr. Janseen Hand for \$15,000. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross provided an update on the administrative positions interview process. Interviews will take place on March 31 and April 1, 2017.

Craig Davis made a motion, seconded by Eric Jung to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and to consider the Superintendent evaluation. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Eric Jung to resume regular session at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Eric Jung made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Rick Asaturian made the motion, seconded by Eric Jung to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Third Year Probationary Teacher; Kellie Haak. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Sarah Paige Born as Social Worker for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made a motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Suzanne Sanders, President

D. W. Presley, Secretary