

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

Thursday, May 11, 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, D.W. Presley, with the following members present: Marissa Baxter, Morteza Daneshdoost, Craig Davis, D.W. Presley, and Sylvia Thoms. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Deborah Gurley, Kerry Glenn, Chris Midden, Greg Williams, Elizabeth Stearns, Lisa Sisk and Melanie Spears.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by D. W. Presley to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 (5:00 p.m.) special meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by D. W. Presley to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 (5:25 p.m.) special meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley recognized guests and visitors that were present.

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

Lori James-Gross indicated an application for non-resident pupils of full-time district employees was received from Heather Hannon and Crystal Phillips; a letter of resignation was received from Sarah Robbins as 1st grade teacher and Adam Hawk as EOC aide; a salary schedule step and coursework request was received from Peggy Ebbs, Stephanie Feeman and James Lockhart; the Jackson County Health Department food service inspection results were presented; and a thank you note was received from Barnes Jewish Hospital for the Stephen Ebbs memorial donation.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the application for non-resident pupils of full-time district employees from Heather Hannon and Crystal Phillips for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to accept the resignation of Sarah Robbins as 1st grade teacher and Adam Hawk as EOC aide, effective end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Sylvia Thoms to accept the salary schedule step and coursework request from Peggy Ebbs, Stephanie Feeman and James Lockhart for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet June 8 and July 20 as scheduled since there are no conflicts with board member attendance.

Greg Williams of Siemens Industry, Inc. presented information concerning facilities planning.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to accept the offer by Greg Williams of Siemens Industry, Inc. to provide a free preliminary building energy audit and determine priorities for upgrades. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the ROE Health-Life-Safety Report following the March 3, 2017 inspection, per attached. Only a few minor violations were reported.

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Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve as presented the second reading of PRESS Policies update Issue 94. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to approve the updated Board policies in reference to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to award the property/casualty insurance to Prairie State Insurance Cooperative (M & M Insurance Agency) for a 3 year period beginning July 1, 2017. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to select Affordable Gas & Electric (Constellation Energy) as electricity supplier for a 3 year period beginning July 1, 2017. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to increase student lunches from \$2.00 to \$2.25; student breakfasts from \$1.10 to \$1.25; adult lunches from \$2.75 to \$3.00; and adult breakfasts from \$1.20 to \$1.50 for the 2017-18 school year, in accordance with the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lisa Sisk, Melanie Spears and Elizabeth Stearns presented data assessment utilization techniques used in the 4th grade classrooms.

Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached. Kerry Glenn presented the 2017-18 District Title I Plan, per attached.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to approve the 2017-18 District Title I Plan as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the 2017-18 Athletic Handbook and Kidz Klub Handbook revisions for review with final approval to occur at the June board meeting.

Kerry Glenn presented a PARCC testing summary, per attached. Lori James-Gross presented the end-of-year activities and Kerry Glenn presented the Unity Point honors and awards, per attached. There were no suspensions to report.

Morteza Daneshdoost made a motion, seconded by Craig Davis to adjourn the Board for an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; to consider Board vacancy and Superintendent Contract. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to resume regular session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to appoint John Longueville to fill the 2 year unexpired term of Eric Jung who recently resigned. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

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Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to approve updated Superintendent language as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Craig Davis to employ Nicole Jackson as head softball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Craig Davis made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to authorize the Superintendent to secure 1st grade, 5/6 P.E. & Health and coaching positions for final approval at the June 8, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross extended an invitation to the May 30, 2017 retirement brunch in the Commons Area. Discussion was held concerning the graduation student roster.

Craig Davis made a motion, seconded by D.W. Presley to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley, President

Marissa Baxter, Secretary