

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

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 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: Suzanne Sanders, Rick Asaturian, Tom Upton, Eric Jung and D.W. Presley. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Deb Gurley, Kerry Glenn, Bill Laser and Chris Midden.

Eric Jung made the motion, seconded by D.W. Presley to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by Eric Jung, seconded by Tom Upton to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Suzanne Sanders recognized guests and visitors that were present.

Correspondence was read by Lori James-Gross from Mike and Karla Blair expressing appreciation for the retirement party and gifts on their behalf. There will be an IASB Shawnee Division Fall Meeting on October 6, 2016 to be held at Carbondale School District #95. A letter was received from the ISBE awarding the Unity Point School Pre-School Program the gold circle of quality ExceleRate pre-school rating. The Budget Hearing will be held on September 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Eric Jung to approve the 2016-2019 U.P.E.A. Teacher Contract. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Suzanne Sanders to approve the 2016-2019 non-certified and Administrative salary increases which include a 3.5% base salary increase. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

A motion was made by D.W. Presley, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the annual subscription to the IASB PRESS Plus policy services at a total cost of \$1600 to maintain the Board Policy Manual. This cost is \$800 more than the current cost for PRESS policy services. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross provided an update on the proposed county-wide school facility tax to be included on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Information is being prepared for distribution to faculty, staff, parents and community members to explain the uses of the sales tax for school districts.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to approve the 2016-17 Application for Recognition of Schools. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Eric Jung made the motion, seconded by Rick Asaturian to employ Erin Bily as Pre-K program aide effective August 22, 2016 and Wendell Wheeler as head boys basketball coach for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Kerry Glenn presented current enrollment figures, per attached. She also reviewed the Continuous Improvement Plan/Board Action Report; the 2016 5 Essentials Survey results; the 2016 student data articulation results; the 2016 Back-to-School Bash results; and the 2016 PARCC scores summary results. More PARCC score data will follow at the regular October 2016 board meeting.

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Deb Gurley provided an overview of the Safety Plan process; updates and safety drills for the 2016-17 school year. There were no student suspensions to report.

Chris Midden expressed appreciation to the Board and Administration for their cooperation during contract negotiations.

A motion was made by D.W. Presley, seconded by Tom Upton to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Suzanne Sanders, President

D.W. Presley, Secretary