

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

Thursday, April 12, 2018, 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, John Longueville, D. W. Presley, Sylvia Thoms and Tom Upton. Others present were Lori James-Gross, Bill Laser, Chris Midden, Leslie Varble, Mary Beth Goff, Chris Rogers, Alexandra Rhude and Rose Hou.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by John Longueville to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Morteza Daneshdoost to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 regular meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0-1 with voting as follows: Baxter – yea, Daneshdoost – yea, Longueville – yea, Presley – yea, Upton – yea, Thoms - abstain.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by D. W. Presley to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 special meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 4-0-2 with voting as follows: Daneshdoost – yea, Longueville – yea, Presley – yea, Upton – yea, Baxter – abstain, Thoms - abstain.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Sylvia Thoms to approve the Consent Agenda with separate consideration of correspondence items. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

D.W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Tom Upton to accept the letter of resignation from Stephanie Gugle as 7/8 ELA Teacher, effective end of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

Morteza Daneshdoost made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the salary schedule step and coursework request from Peggy Ebbs, 3rd grade teacher; Stephanie Feeman, 3rd grade teacher; and James Lockhart, resource teacher, effective the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

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

John Longueville provided a follow-up to the IASB Spring Dinner Meeting held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

D.W. Presley discussed the IASB Resolution submission process regarding new legislation.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the GRP performance contracting pricing chart and alternate revenue bonds scenario #2 as provided by Ehlers & Associates, Municipal Advisors, per attached. Scenario #2 will utilize 75% of facilities sales tax proceeds for bond payments (\$360,000/year). The Administration was granted permission to send a letter of intent to contract with GRP Mechanical per project pricing chart. Motion carried 6-0 with all voting yea.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a special meeting on April 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the Contract with GRP Mechanical and Resolution of Intent to Issue Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Bill Laser and Lori James-Gross presented the Quarterly Financial Report and State Budget update.

Morteza Daneshdoost departed at 6:37 p.m.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to employ Suehay Woods as birth-to-three Parent Educator for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year, effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented for review the first reading of PRESS Policies Update – Issue 97.

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D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements with the ROE #30 COPE Safe Schools Program and SOAR Alternative Program for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented current enrollment figures, per attached; and 2018-19 registration update.

A student presentation was made to the Board concerning a proposed Gay/Straight Alliance Organization at Unity Point.

A technology planning presentation was made by Chris Rogers, per attached. The plan includes student devices for K-8 with kindergarten devices covered by the IL-Empower grant and servers being purchased with sales tax monies.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Sylvia Thoms to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with First Southern Bank to purchase student technology devices for grades 1-8 at an approximate cost of \$218,000. D.W. Presley abstained from deliberations concerning this lease-purchase agreement. Motion carried 4-0-1 with voting as follows: Baxter – yea, Longueville – yea, Thoms – yea, Upton – yea, Presley – abstain.

Leslie Varble presented an IL-Empower Pilot update. She indicated a \$75,000 grant was approved to purchase technology devices for Kindergarten classes along with professional development for staff. She also provided a Curriculum Pacing update and provided an update of Unity Point honors and awards, per attached.

D.W. Presley made a motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter 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.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Sylvia Thoms to resume regular session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Sylvia Thoms to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 Executive Session meeting, copy attached. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

John Longueville made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to approve the multi-year contract extensions for Principal for Instruction and Dean of Students, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross, beginning the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Marissa Baxter made the motion, seconded by D. W. Presley to grant tenure to Kristen Grimmer and Stephanie Feeman for the 2018-19 school year, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to re-employ all non-tenured certified faculty for the 2018-19 school year as presented, per recommendation from Lori James-Gross. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

Lori James-Gross presented the 2018 graduation student roster and the 2018 Retirement Open House invitation to be held on May 30, 2018, per attached.

D. W. Presley made the motion, seconded by Marissa Baxter to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with all voting yea.

D. W. Presley, President

Marissa Baxter, Secretary