

UNITY POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
4033 South Illinois Avenue
Carbondale, IL 62903

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Unity Point School District #140 will be held in the Library at Unity Point School on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 6:00 PM. An Executive Session will be held during the course of the meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *Letter of Resignation from Stephanie Reece, Part-Time Music Teacher (K-3)
- *Invitation to IASB Shawnee Division Governing Meeting on May 8, 2014
- *Invitation to UP Reception Brunch to Honor 2014 Retirees---June 2, 2014

- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
-The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 3/17 and 4/4/2014:
 1. Catch on to Health Spring Newsletter---Southern Illinois Healthcare
 2. SIUC Head Start Registration
 3. Hook A Kid On Golf---Carbondale Park District
 4. Hot Wheels Skatium April Calendar of Events
 5. SIU-C Football Youth Camp---Saluki Athletics

Act of God Days---Request for Payment of Wages to Non-Certified Staff

*Upon further clarification from the Regional Office of Education, the Board must take action upon the decision to grant payment of wages to non-certified personnel for the six Act of God days approved for the district. Act of God Days reduce the required number of student attendance days in the Public School Calendar, but do not negatively impact General State Aid. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting.

Approval of Amended 2013 Tax Levy

*Due to the passage of the Referendum on March 18, 2014, the Board must adopt an amended tax levy to include the estimated amount of additional tax revenues to be received in 2014.

Quarterly Financial Report/State Budget Update

* Mr. Laser will review with the Board the district's revenue and expenditures for the third quarter of FY14. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laser at your convenience.

SB1 (Pension Law) Review of Superintendent's Contract Language

*Sara Boucek, IASA Legal Counsel, is reviewing potential changes or amendments to the Superintendent's current contract to determine compliance with the pension reform bill---SB1. Any changes or updates will need to be approved at the May board meeting to comply with the June 1st deadline. Dr. James-Gross will provide additional information at the meeting.

Request for Proposals---Property Casualty Insurance

*It is time to again request bids for the purpose of Multi-Peril School Liability Insurance for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2014. Bids will be opened on April 30th with selection of the insurance carrier at the May board meeting.

2013-2014 ROE Health-Life-Safety Report (Results Presented 4-4-2014)

*The Regional Office of Education completed our Health-Life-Safety Inspection on February 11, 2014. We were cited with seven violations; none of which are emergency situations. We have until May 15th to correct these violations---maintenance and custodial staff are working to address all citations.

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE 30/COPE School

*It is the recommendation of the administration to renew the district's intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education in order to participate in the COPE Safe Schools Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Approve Bids Relating to the ISBE Energy Efficiency Grant

*The bid opening was held on Thursday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. There were six bids for review with Ponder Service Inc. providing the lowest responsible bid for the replacement of our HVAC systems. Therefore, the administration recommends that the board award said bid to Ponder Service Inc. (as presented) for the work associated with the ISBE Energy Efficiency Grant that was awarded in March. All work is to be completed by August 1, 2014.

Tri-County Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP)

*Carmen Dammerman, Transition Specialist, has contacted Unity Point about the possibility of summer employment for a student worker in maintenance through the work program at Carbondale High School. STEP is a training/placement program that helps students with disabilities prepare to transition to employment and community participation during and after high school. If agreeable, the Board would determine the conditions of employment and would agree to cover the cost of the hourly minimum wage associated with the employment.

Principal's Update

*Current Enrollment Figures (as of 4/4/14)

*Student Suspension Report (as of 4/4/14) --- No Suspensions to Report

*UP Honors & Awards

-A summary of the recent honors and awards earned by our students is attached for your review.

Executive Session*

*Discussion of Employee Matters

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment