

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

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, February 10, 2015 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. Board action on items discussed in closed session is anticipated.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *Letter of Intent to Retire (12/2015) ---Alisa Simpson, Media Specialist
- *Letter of Intent to Retire (6/2015) ---Kathy Harasimowicz, 3rd Grade Teacher
- *Letter of Resignation (6/2015) ---Omero Anguiano, Technology Director
- *Letter of Intent to Retire (6/2017) ---Deb Gurley, 3rd Grade Teacher/Dean of Students
- *Thank You Note from Crystal Phillips, Kidz Klub Director
- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
 - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 1/12 and 2/6/2015:
 1. CCHS Marching Terriers Trivia Night Flyer
 2. Carbondale Public Library Newsletter
 3. Skatium February 2015 Calendar of Events
 4. kre8ivED Theater Course Announcement

Approval of 2014-2015 Seniority Lists

*The tentative Seniority List for 2014-2015 has been reviewed and amended as necessary. We received one written request from a certified employee for changes or updates; the list was posted in the building and given to UPEA in accordance with Illinois School Code deadline of February 1. As part of that requirement, the Board of Education must approve the final list as presented. Following the board meeting, a final posting will be made available to the UPEA.

2015 ISBE Financial Profile

*Attached for Board review is a copy of the “School District Financial Profile” which is the instrument developed by the ISBE to help monitor the finances of school districts and identify which are in or are moving toward financial difficulty. Our district will be designated under the category of Financial Review when the report is released in March, based on the indicators which take into consideration the overall financial strength of the district, district expenditures compared to revenues, number of days the district could operate without additional revenues, and the district’s available short-term and long-term borrowing capacity. Financial Review means that our district is in the second highest category of financial strength with a score of 3.45 out of a possible 4.00; requiring limited review or involvement by ISBE, with monitoring of potential downward trends only. Dr. James-Gross and Mr. Laser will provide further explanation at the meeting.

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Request to Consider Membership

*Les O’Dell, Executive Director, visited Unity Point on January 22nd and discussed the possibility of Unity Point becoming a member of the Carbondale Chamber. The application for membership is attached for Board review. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting.

Need for Tentative March 3rd Board Meeting

*The administration is not recommending a reduction-in-force for the 2015-2016 school year and therefore does not have a need for the tentative board meeting scheduled for March 3, 2015.

Destruction of Closed Meeting Recordings prior to August 2013

*In accordance with Illinois School Code 5: 120/2.06, the administration recommends the board approve the destruction of the following closed meeting recordings as presented:

- August 14, 2012
- December 11, 2012
- January 8, 2013
- March 19, 2013
- May 14, 2013
- July 17, 2013

Administrative Updates

- *Current Enrollment Figures (As of 2/5/2015)
- *Student Suspension Report---No Suspensions to Report

Executive Session*

- *Employment Issues
 - Discussion of Curriculum Specialist and Dean of Students
 - Discussion of Tri-County Programs
 - Discussion of Superintendent’s Evaluation

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment