

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 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, May 12, 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.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of May 4, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

*Letter of Resignation from Karen Frick, P/T K-3 Music Teacher

*Thank You Note from College of Education and Human Services, SIU-C to Dr. James-Gross

*Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25

-The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 4/10 and 5/8/2015:

1. Hot Wheels Skatium May Calendar of Events
2. The Little Black Dress Party
3. SIU Touch of Nature Summer Camps 2015
4. Family Vacation Night—Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale
5. Saluki Spirit Cheerleading in Training After-School Program
6. Swimming/Lifeguard Classes
7. Carbondale Junior American Legion Baseball Tryouts

2015-2016 Board of Education Calendar

*The Board has established the regular meeting date, time, and place as the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Unity Point library to conduct school business. Attached is a copy of the corresponding dates for the upcoming school year. Due to vacations and summer commitments, the Board will need to determine whether or not a quorum is available for the June 11th and July 23rd meetings; then discuss proposed dates for rescheduling, if necessary.

Discussion of Student Residency Policy

*During the Candidate's Forum held in March, questions were raised regarding student residency and the legal definition of residency as defined by the State of Illinois. Dr. James-Gross will provide information pertaining to residency issues and concerns experienced at Unity Point.

Discussion of Class Size Concerns and Resulting Staffing Needs for 2015-2016

*Current Enrollment Figures as of 5/7/2015 AND Spring Registration Update
-Dr. James-Gross and Kerry Glenn will provide an update regarding spring registration and projected enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 school year; with subsequent discussion regarding class size concerns at second grade and the need for a classroom technology teacher.

Award Student Accident Insurance for 2015-2016 School Year

*Gerlock & Associates, out of Carterville, is the only proposal we have received for voluntary student accident insurance coverage. The “At School Rate” remains at the low rate of \$29 low coverage or \$37 high coverage. Generally, we do have a few parents who choose to utilize this insurance. This coverage is in addition to any health insurance the parents carry. This will pay for the “Co-pay”, “Deductible” and “Co-Insurance” or any other item not covered by the parent’s coverage; however, some parents take the coverage as their ONLY form of insurance. The administration would recommend that the Board of Education approve K&K Insurance (with Gerlock & Associates) as our provider.

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 2015-2016 school year.

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Request to Consider Membership

*Les O’Dell, Executive Director, visited Unity Point in January and discussed the possibility of Unity Point becoming a member of the Carbondale Chamber. The Chamber of Commerce is currently working with Carbondale High School and the other Carbondale feeder schools to develop a public relations plan for the City of Carbondale. The application for membership is attached for Board review. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting

Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

*Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires schools to increase their paid lunch prices to eventually “catch up” with the federal reimbursement rate for free lunches. Currently, the reimbursement for free lunches is \$3.06 and the reimbursement for paid lunches is \$.36. So, eventually (within 10 years) the price of our paid lunches has to increase to \$2.70. Therefore, we suggest the following price increases for paid lunches for the 2015-2016 school year:

STUDENTS:

Lunch: \$1.75 to \$2.00
Breakfast: \$1.00 to \$1.10

ADULTS:

Lunch: \$2.50 to \$2.75
Breakfast: \$1.10 to \$1.20

*We would suggest a two-year cycle of price increases to reach the federal reimbursement level of \$2.70. Area schools are currently charging the following amounts with discussion of increasing their prices:

Giant City School:	Student Lunch = \$2.50	Breakfast = \$1.50	Adult Lunch= \$3.00
Carterville:	Student Lunch = \$1.75	Breakfast = \$1.00	Adult Lunch= \$2.50
Anna:	Student Lunch = \$2.50	Breakfast = \$1.50	

Administrative Update

***2015-2016 Student/Parent Handbook Revisions**

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the student/parent handbook for 2015-2016 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the June board meeting with the expectation for final approval at that time. Mrs. Gurley will provide an overview of the changes during the meeting.

***2015-2016 Athletic Handbook Revisions**

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the athletic handbook for the 2015-2016 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the June board meeting with the expectation for final approval at that time. Mrs. Gurley will provide an overview of the changes during the meeting.

***2015-2016 Kidz Klub Handbook Revisions**

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the Kidz Klub handbook for the 2015-2016 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the June board meeting with the expectation for final approval at that time. Mrs. Gurley will provide an overview of the changes during the meeting.

***PARCC Testing Summary**

-Included for your review is a summary of the recent administration of the PARCC test. Mrs. Glenn and Mr. Anguiano will provide additional information at the meeting.

***End-of-Year Activities**

-Included for your review is a list of important dates and events that will conclude the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Glenn will be available to answer any questions.

***UP Honors & Awards**

-Mrs. Glenn will provide an update of the student accomplishments that have occurred since the April board meeting.

***Student Suspension Report (April 10 thru May 8)**

Executive Session

***Employment of Technology Director**

***Employment of Elementary Teaching Positions**

-Multiage Teacher

-3rd Grade Teacher

***Employment of Assistant Girls Basketball Coaches**

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment