

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

Special Board of Education Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Unity Point School District #140 will be held in the Library at Unity Point School on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for the purposes of seating new board members and organizing the board.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Correspondence

*Invitation to UP Reception Brunch to Honor 2015 Retirees---June 3, 2015

President's Privilege

*The Board President will explain the process for the seating of the new board members and express any additional thoughts or comments.

Appoint President Pro-Tempore

*The Board will appoint one of its remaining members to conduct the meeting until a new president has been elected. The President Pro-Tem presides only through the nomination and election of the President.

Appoint Secretary Pro-Tempore

*The retiring Secretary is usually called upon to act as Secretary Pro-Tem unless a temporary Secretary is immediately chosen to serve for the time being. (The School Code authorizes the selection of a secretary pro-tem need NOT be a board member).

****Recognition of Sandy Charlson, Morteza Daneshdoost and Gene Turk, Retiring Board Members****

Adjourn SINE DIE

*Inasmuch as there is no further business to come before this board, a motion for adjournment sine die is in order.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

President Pro-Tem Conducts Oath of Office for Newly-Elected Board Members

Roll Call

Election of Board Officers

- Nominate and Elect Office of President
- Nominate and Elect Office of Vice President
- Nominate and Elect Office of Secretary

Establishment of Regular Meeting Date, Time, and Place

*The Board must establish a regular meeting date, time, and place. Previously, the UP Board determined that the second Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in the school library was appropriate to conduct school business. Attached is a copy of the corresponding dates for the upcoming school year.

Adopt Current Board of Education Policies

*In order for the new board members to officially govern their actions and those of the school, the customary action is to adopt the policies and procedures which have previously been in place that thus to those standards which have successfully provided direction to the District and to its routine functioning. Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. James-Gross at your convenience.

Approval of Agenda**2015 IASB Mandated Board Member Training/Workshops**

*Recent legislation requires re-elected or newly elected board members to complete 4-hours of mandatory training on specific legal topics within one year of taking the Oath of Office. Additionally, state law requires training on the new Performance Evaluation Reform Act, before taking action on certain kinds of teacher dismissal. Also, as a new board member, training must be completed on the Open Meetings Act within 90 days of taking the Oath. The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is providing the required trainings during the months of May, June, and July---one of which is offered in Carbondale on July 10-11. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting.

IASB Starting Right: Board-Building for the New Governance Team Workshop

*In recent conversations with Patrick Rice, IASB Field Services Director, he has suggested that we conduct the Starting Right workshop, with the participation of the outgoing board members, as a means of transitioning to the work of the new board (please see attached flyer). This workshop will be conducted in closed session during a special board meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Possible dates for scheduling this workshop should be available for discussion at the meeting.

UPEA**Administrative Remarks****Board Remarks****Adjournment**