

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016

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 Thursday, April 16, 2016, 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; to consider collective negotiating matters with UPEA and to consider fulfillment of board vacancy. Action on items discussed in closed session is expected.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of March 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

The Board of Education welcomes the audience to make public or employee comments. The Board has set aside time in the agenda specifically for this purpose. Pursuant to Board Policy 2.230, each speaker shall be limited to a 5-minute presentation. Please be aware that, while this is the time for the public to express its opinions and/or concerns, the Board may or may not comment regarding public presentations. If a matter of public comment warrants discussion or action of the Board of Education, such discussion or action will be added to the agenda for a future meeting.

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *Thank You Letter from James Lockhart, Special Education Resource Teacher
- *Request for Non-Resident Pupils of Full-Time District Employees—Crystal Phillips
- *Letter of Resignation from Tim Ward as Assistant Softball Coach
- *Letter of Resignation from Jermaine Gill as Assistant Baseball Coach
- *Letter of Resignation from Brett Pinnon as Head Boys' Basketball Coach
- *Letter of Resignation from Michael Blair as Bus Driver
- *Letter of Resignation from Melissa Pickens, Jr. High Math Teacher
- *Letter of Intent to Retire from Dan Walker, Custodian
- *Compliance Recognition from Donna Boros, Regional Superintendent
- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
 - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 3/11 and 4/8/2016:
 1. Junior Tennis Clinics---SIU Tennis
 2. Youth Football Camp---SIU Football
 3. Daddy Daughter Dance---SIUC Caribbean Student Association
 4. Mindfulness Camp for Kids---SIU Rehabilitation Institute
 5. Catch on to Health---Southern Illinois Healthcare
 6. Hook a Kid on Golf 2016---Carbondale Park Districts
 7. Summer Reading Skills Online Programs---St. Louis University
 8. Sight & Sound Study---SIU-C
 9. Summer Programs---Carbondale New School

National School Boards Association—Project Achieve

*The National School Boards Association and Achieve are providing direct and targeted support to nine school districts in Illinois, New York, and Washington and their local school boards to leverage the *Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts*; in efforts to build toward recommendations to streamline and strengthen the tests students take. The objective is to support a process that encourages each district to identify the minimum number of tests needed for essential diagnostic, instructional and accountability purposes, and make recommendations to eliminate and/or strengthen assessments to reach a coherent, aligned assessment program. In late March, Unity Point was contacted by Roger Eddy, Executive Director of the Illinois School Board Association, and asked to participate as one of three Illinois schools in this work. The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 7 in Springfield with Suzanne Sanders, Kerry Glenn, and Dr. James-Gross representing Unity Point. The Board will be kept informed as the work progresses.

Approval of Updated Board Policies: Section 6

*Section 6 of the current U.P. board policy manual has been reviewed and revised according to the IASB PRESS Policy services by Dr. James-Gross, Kerry Glenn and board member, D.W. Presley. The revisions have been on review since the March board meeting. There haven't been any inquiries, comments, or questions relating to the updates; therefore, it the recommendation of the administration to approve the updated Section 6 board policies as presented.

Quarterly Financial Report/State Budget Update

* Mr. Laser will review the district's revenue and expenditures for the third quarter of FY16 and provide an update regarding the status of the State budget; including the potential impact for Unity Point should the 2016-2017 State budget be delayed. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laser at your convenience.

Administrative Updates

*Current Enrollment Figures (as of 4/9/16)

*2016-2017 Registration Process Update:

-Pre-registration packets for 2016-2017 were sent home with students in grades K-7 on March 24. The completed packets were due in the office on April 8. Kindergarten registration packets were distributed to existing pre-kindergarten students and to those families requesting registration information beginning March 24. Kindergarten screenings will occur on May 5 from 4-7 P.M. and on May 6 from 8:30-11:30 A.M.

*Student Suspension Report (as of 4/8/16) --- 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/Selection of Candidate to Fulfill Board Vacancy

*Discussion/Approval of Faculty Request to Exercise Early Retirement Option

*Discussion/Tentative Agreement of Contract Negotiations with UPEA

*Discussion of Non-Certified and Administrative Salary Increases

*2016/2017 Faculty Recommendations:

-Granting of Tenure

Employment of Tenured Teachers – The Administration recommends the granting of tenure to the following faculty as presented:

1. *Jr. High Social Studies Teacher*

-Employment of Full-Time Certified Faculty:

Non-Tenured Teachers (To Be Employed for 3rd Year, Non-Tenured)

1. *1st Grade Teacher*
2. *1st Grade Teacher*
3. *2nd Grade Teacher*

Non-Tenured Teachers (To Be Employed for 2nd Year, Non-Tenured)

1. *Multi-Age Teacher*
2. *5/6 Math Teacher*
3. *3rd Grade Teacher*
4. *Kindergarten Teacher*
5. *Resource Teacher*

-Employment of Part-Time Certified Faculty:

1. *Music Teacher for K-3rd Grade*
2. *Administrative Assistant (Grant Funded)*

-Voluntary/Involuntary Transfers:

1. *Voluntary Transfer from K-8 Computers to 7/8 ELA*
2. *Involuntary Transfer from 5/6 Math to K-8 Computers*
3. *Involuntary Transfer from 7/8 Resource to 3/4 Resource*
4. *Re-Hire/Transfer from 3/4 Resource to K-2 Resource*

-Employments:

1. *Special Education Resource Teacher—7/8 Assignment*
2. *Science Teacher---7/8 Assignment*
3. *Art Teacher---K/8 Assignment*
4. *Pre-Kindergarten Teacher*
5. *Media Specialist*
6. *Head Cheerleading Coach*

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Administrative Remarks

*2016 Graduation Student Roster

*2016 Retirement Open House Invitation

Board Remarks

Adjournment