

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 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 Thursday, August 13, 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. Action is expected.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of July 23, 2015 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

- *Accept Resignation Letter from Katie Diel, Kindergarten Teacher
- *Thank You Letter from Dr. Brent Clark, IASA Executive Director

Approval to Employ Ancillary Staff as Needed

*Authorization is requested to employ ancillary personnel (teacher aides, EOC aides, bus driver, extracurricular positions, etc) as needed and until recommended for board approval during the September board meeting.

Tri-County Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP)

*Denise Jones, Transition Specialist, has contacted Unity Point about the possibility of participating in the STEP program for the 2015-2016 school year. 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 approved, a Carbondale High School student would be assigned to Unity Point to assist with custodial/maintenance work. The program is of no cost to Unity Point as it is funded in its entirety through Carbondale High School and the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative. We had a successful experience with the program this past school year and benefited greatly from the assistance. The administration recommends participation in the STEP program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Cost of Fingerprint Authorization for Unity Point Volunteers

*Over the years, Unity Point has assumed the cost of background checks for those individuals willing to participate in the UP Volunteer Program. However, the charge for fingerprinting has gradually increased to \$55 per person. The total cost to fingerprint volunteers for this past school year was \$2200. The administration would like to discuss the Board's thoughts in asking volunteers to incur the cost of their personal background check.

Presentation of Tentative Budget for FY16

*The FY16 TENTATIVE budget is enclosed for your review. It will remain on review until the Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 24, 2015. Mr. Laser will provide further explanation of the budget process during the meeting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Laser.

Passage of Resolution for Public Hearing for FY16 Budget

* The board will need to pass the enclosed resolution for a public hearing to review the proposed budget. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Unity Point School Library.

Transfer of Interest from Bond and Interest Fund to Building Fund

*Interest earnings in the amount of \$528 needs to be transferred from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund. Mr. Laser will provide further information at the meeting.

FY15 End-of-Year Reports

* Mr. Laser will provide a review of the enclosed financial analysis of the following three programs for the 2014-2015 school year:

1. School Breakfast/Lunch Report
2. Kidz Klub Report
3. Transportation Report

Administrative Update

*2015-2016 Enrollment/Registration Figures (as of 8/7/15)

-Updated numbers will be provided at the meeting.

*2015-2016 School-Wide Master Calendar

-All activities planned by the various school-wide committees are included on this master calendar.

Executive Session

*Employment Issues

-Approve Employment of Jr. High Special Education Teacher

-Approve Employment of Kindergarten Teacher

-Approve Employment of Special Education EOC Aides

UPEA Remarks

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment