

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

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 9, 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, June 9, 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. Action is expected.

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of May 12, 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**

- \*Notice of Intent to Retire---Kathy Booziotis, Speech/Language Pathologist
- \*Letter of Resignation---Victoria Scott, 5/6 Program Aide
- \*Letter of Resignation—Rebecca Schlenker-Korb, Special Education Behavior Specialist
- \*Thank You Note from St. Francis Care Animal Shelter---Memorial Donation for Ethan Baker
- \*Thank You Note from Gayl Robinson/Earl Family---Memorial Donation for Jack Earll
- \*Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
  - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 5/6 and 6/3/2016:
    1. Saluki Summer Basketball Camps
    2. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Power Camp
    3. Girls Rock Camp
    4. Carbondale Public Library Summer Newsletter
    5. SIU Child Neuropsychology Lab Free Attention Testing
    6. Saluki UnderArmour Tennis Camps
    7. SIU Touch of Nature Summer Camps
    8. Saluki Summer Baseball Camps
    9. Saluki Films on the Field
    10. SIU Summer Art Camps
    11. Sylvan Summer Learning
    12. Hope Health Letter—Garrett Insurance
    13. Dayemi Parent/Child Collective Spring Fair

## **Organizational Meeting**

\*President Conducts Oath of Office for Newly-Appointed Board Member, Morteza Daneshdoost

\*Reorganization of Board Officers

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

## **Approval of Updated Board Policies: Sections 7 & 8**

\*Sections 7 and 8 of the current U.P. board policy manual have been reviewed and revised according to the IASB PRESS Policy services by Dr. James-Gross, Deb Gurley and board members, Craig Davis and D.W. Presley. The revisions have been on review since the May board meeting. There haven't been any inquiries, comments, or questions relating to the updates; therefore, it is the recommendation of the administration to approve the updated Sections 7 & 8 board policies as presented.

## **Authorization of Tax Anticipation Warrants**

\*Due to the current lack of a State budget, the administration requests permission to move forward with the authorization of tax anticipation warrants to assist in the operation of the 2016-2017 school year. We have the ability to borrow up to 85% of the most recent taxes levied which would be 2014 payable 2015 since the county has not yet finalized the most recent levy. This amounts to  $\$1,900,073 \times 85\% = \$1,615,062$ . Authorization of the tax anticipation warrants would allow the District to open as scheduled in August and potentially remain open through Christmas break.

## **Adopt Resolution for Illinois County School Facility Tax**

\*Rick Asaturian and Dr. James-Gross attended the second meeting of the J-8 Summit held on May 31. The meeting was held to continue the discussion regarding the possibility of moving forward with the Jackson County School Facility Tax. Representatives from the eight Jackson county schools attended the meeting; including Carbondale Elementary, Carbondale High School, DeSoto, Elverado, Giant City, Murphysboro, Trico, and Unity Point. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that each individual district would determine their willingness to place the resolution on their June board agendas for further discussion and subsequent adoption. Six of the eight districts must adopt the resolution to place the sales tax question on the November ballot. Mr. Asaturian and Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting. It is the recommendation of the administration to adopt the resolution as presented.

## **Approval of 2016-2017 Athletic and Kidz Klub Handbook Revisions**

\*The Athletic Handbook has been reformatted but does not include any additional revisions to the content. Handbook revisions have been on review since the May board meeting. The administration has not received any inquiries, comments, or questions relating to the updates; therefore, it is the recommendation of the administration to approve the revisions as presented for the 2016-2017 school year.

## **Tri-County Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP)**

\*Denise Jones, Transition Specialist, has contacted Unity Point about the possibility of summer employment for a student worker in maintenance through the work program at Carbondale High School. STEP is a training/placement program that helps students with disabilities prepare to transition to employment and community participation during and after high school. Unity Point has participated in this program for the past two summers. The administration recommends the employment of a student worker for 12 hours per week at the hourly minimum wage rate of \$8.25.

## **Adopt Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance**

\*Pursuant to the rules promulgated by the Illinois Department of Labor, it is necessary to adopt "An Ordinance Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works for Said District" as provided by the Illinois Department of Labor.

## **Award Bids for Bread, Milk, Food, and Diesel Fuel**

\*The administration recommends approval of the following bids as presented:

1. Bread Bid: Bimbo Bakeries
2. Milk Bid: Prairie Farms
3. Fuel Bid: Hines Oil Company
4. Food Bids: Summary As Presented

Bimbo Bakeries and Prairie Farms were the only bids received for bread and milk. Two fuel bids were submitted from Hines Oil Company and RKA Petroleum Company. Hines Oil Company was the successful low bid. The fuel bid does contain an escalator feature, as we would expect. The price quoted for diesel fuel is \$2.0115, which is a 0.0425 decrease over last year's price per gallon of \$2.4360. Bids for food items for the first half of the upcoming school year were received on June 2, 2016. Ulli has reviewed each bid, item by item, and a summary report is included for your review.

## **Administrative Update**

\*2015-2016 Enrollment Report/2016-2017 Registration Update

\*2016-2017 Student/Parent Handbook Revisions

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the student/parent handbook for 2016-2017 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the July 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 Student Suspension Report

\*Final 2015-2016 UP Honors & Awards Report

## **Executive Session\***

-2016-2017 Employment Issues

**\*Discussion/Approval of Non-Certified and Administrative Salary Increases**

**\*Approval of Updated Language to Superintendent's Contract**

**\*The administration recommends approval of the following classroom/bus aide assignments for 2016-2017 school year:**

1. See Recommendation Letter

**\*The administration recommends employment of the following positions:**

1. Custodian/Bus Driver

**\*Remaining positions to fill for 2015-2016 school year:**

1. Arabic Teacher
2. 5/6 Program Aide
3. Special Education Behavior Specialist
4. Secretary

## **UPEA**

## **Administrative/Board Remarks**

## **Adjournment**