

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2017

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, February 9, 2017 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. Board action on items discussed in closed session is anticipated.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of January 12, 2017 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

- *Memorial Thank You Note from Evans Family
- *Salary Schedule Step Requests from Kerri Clayton, Brynn Freed, and Dulce Garcia
- *IASB Shawnee Division Meeting---Wednesday, March 14---Cairo High School
- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
 - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 1/6 and 2/3/2017:
 1. Unity Point PTO Family Movie Night Flyer
 2. Children's Orthopedic Free Clinic—Illinois Elks Children's Care
 3. Carbondale Public Library January 2017 Newsletter
 4. Free Attention Testing—SIU Child Neuropsychology Lab
 5. Unity Point PTO Family Dance Flyer

Administrative Updates

*Current Enrollment Figures (As of 2/3/2017)

*Student Suspension Report---No Suspensions to Report

*Jr. High Team Data Presentation

-The Jr. High teachers will share how they utilize assessment data to make decisions as a grade level team, within each of their classrooms and how they individualize instruction for students.

Approval of Updated Board Policy—7:60 Residence

*Section 7:60 of the current U.P. board policy manual was presented at the January board meeting and subsequently placed on hold to further research the Per Capita Tuition Charge (PCTC) for Unity Point. Per the 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report, the PCTC is \$7312.25. The District may charge up to 110% of this amount or \$8043.48 per student. The Board will need to discuss potential updates to the language as deemed necessary.

Approval of 2016-2017 Seniority Lists

*The tentative Seniority List for 2016-2017 has been reviewed and amended as necessary. The list was posted in the building and given to UPEA in accordance with Illinois School Code deadline of February 1. As part of that requirement, the Board of Education must approve the final list as presented. Following the board meeting, a final posting will be made available to the UPEA.

Discussion of School Facility Tax—Next Steps

*The next J-8 Summit meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 P.M. at McElvain School in Murphysboro. The primary focus of the meeting will be to discuss the following: 1) the resolution needed to define the role of the Regional Office of Education, 2) the role of the J-8 Citizen's Group going forward, and 3) project priorities within each district. Dr. James-Gross will provide additional information at the meeting.

2017 ISBE Financial Profile

*Attached for Board review is a copy of the "School District Financial Profile" which is the instrument developed by ISBE to help monitor the finances of school districts and identify which are in or are moving toward financial difficulty. Our district will be designated under the category of Financial Early Warning when the report is released in March, based on the indicators which take into consideration the overall financial strength of the district, district expenditures compared to revenues, number of days the district could operate without additional revenues, and the district's available short-term and long-term borrowing capacity. Financial Early Warning means that our district has received a score of 3.00 out of a possible 4.00; requiring monitoring and technical assistance by ISBE (i.e. financial projections and cash flow analysis). Dr. James-Gross and Mr. Laser will provide further explanation at the meeting.

Need for Tentative March 9th Board Meeting

*The administration is not recommending a reduction-in-force for the 2017-2018 school year and therefore does not have a need for the tentative board meeting scheduled for March 9, 2017. Recommendations for employment for the 2017-2018 school year will be presented at the March 23, 2017 board meeting.

Official Employment of Extraordinary Care (EOC) Aide

*During a recent IEP meeting, it was determined that a new student to the District is in need of an EOC aide for the remainder of the school year. The Administration recommends the official employment of Curt Caldwell as an EOC Aide.

Destruction of Closed Meeting Recordings prior to August 2015

*In accordance with Illinois School Code 5: 120/2.06, the administration recommends the board approve the destruction of the following closed meeting recordings as presented:

- August 12, 2014
- January 13, 2015
- February 10, 2015
- March 18, 2015
- April 14, 2015
- May 12, 2015
- May 26, 2015
- June 11, 2015
- July 23, 2015

Executive Session*

- *Discussion of Employment Issues
- *Discussion of Administrative Applications/Interview Process
- *Request to Post Social Work Position for 2017-2018 School Year
- *Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment