

UNITY POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
4033 South Illinois Avenue
Carbondale, IL 62903
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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 Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of September 23, 2008 Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *Resignation Letter from Heath Crow, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- *Maternity Leave Request from Katie Diel, Kindergarten Teacher
- *Thank You Note from Sallie Logan Library for Memorial Donation

Presentation of FY08 Audit

*Pat Kattenbraker, CPA, will present the FY08 audit report to the Board. She will be available throughout the meeting to answer any questions. Attached is a copy of the Management Letter with suggested areas for improvement. Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. Laser. The administration recommends acceptance of the FY08 Audit as presented.

First Quarter Financial Report Analysis

*Mr. Laser will review with the Board the district's revenue and expenditures for the first quarter of FY09. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laser at your convenience.

Presentation of Levy Resolution and Tentative Tax Levy for 2008

Mr. Laser will present a preliminary tax levy to the Board for review. The *Truth in Taxation Law* requires that the district determine the estimated amounts of taxes necessary to be levied for 2008 not less than 20 days prior to the official adoption of the aggregate tax levy. The administration will request that the Board approve the district's final tax levy at the November board meeting. In order to comply with the law, the administration recommends that the Board of Education adopt the enclosed resolution determining the estimated amount of property taxes necessary to be levied for 2008, as well as establishing the need for a public hearing during the November board meeting.

Presentation of Updated Board Manual

*Steve Murphy, Superintendent's Intern, will present the updated Unity Point Board Policy Manual. Board members will have the opportunity to review the manual until the next regular board meeting in November, where the manual will be recommended for adoption.

Employee Job Descriptions

*The administration requests approval of the following job descriptions and evaluation tools presented at the September 23, 2008 board meeting:

1. Family Circle Director
2. Pre-Kindergarten Teachers
3. Baby Talk Parent Educator

The administration will present, for board review, the updated job descriptions for the classroom teachers. Approval will be requested at the November 18, 2008 board meeting.

Strategic Plan Report

*As a follow-up to the Board Retreat, the administration will provide an update as to the continued progress of the district goals.

Approval of Additional Ancillary Staff

*Due to the recent resignation of the assistant boy's basketball coach, the administration is recommending the employment of Mr. Blake Woodard as the replacement. Mr. Woodard has served as a volunteer assistant in the UP program for the last three years and is knowledgeable of the current program. In addition, Mr. Woodard is recognized as having a good working relationship with our student athletes.

Principal for Instruction's Update

*Current Enrollment Figures (As of 10/9/08)

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

<i>Grade</i>	<i>As of May 25, 2008 (07- 08)</i>	<i>As of August 2008 (08- 09)</i>	<i>As of September 5, 2008 (08-09)</i>	<i>As of October 9, 2008 (08- 09)</i>	<i>Total Enrollment Changes from 07-08</i>
Kindergarten	71.5	60	72	72	+5
First	80	63	65	64	-16
Second	76	67	74	76	same
Third	70	65	71	69	-1
Fourth	66	60	63	64	-2
Fifth	64	61	62	64	same
Sixth	52	57	64	63	+11
Seventh	66	55	55	56	-10
Eighth	66	61	59	59	-7
Special Education Class	9	3	4	4	-5
Total Students	620.5	552	589	591	-29.5

<i>Grade</i>	<i>As of May 2008 (07-08)</i>	<i>As of October 9, 2008 (08- 09)</i>	<i>Total Enrollment Changes</i>
Pre-Kindergarten	78.5	75	-3.5
Off-Site Special Education	10	9	-1

Comparison Data

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
September	719	708	693
October	703	699	675

*Grants:

REAP--We were informed last week of our eligibility for the Rural and Low-Income School Program. Our FY09 allocation amount is \$17,790. Between this grant and our NCLB Consolidated grant, we plan to fund the IMSA and Excel after-school programs, as well as the UP summer school program. Additional professional development may also be available with this grant.

FFVP--Ulli received notification last week that UP will receive an additional \$38,193.60 for the Fruits and Vegetable Grant. This allocation is for October 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.

Release of Closed Session Minutes

*A board motion is necessary to release the executive session minutes dated:

- April 8, 2008
- April 29, 2008
- May 13, 2008
- June 10, 2008
- June 17, 2008
- July 8, 2008
- July 16, 2008
- August 12, 2008
- September 9, 2008

The above minutes will be available for your review at the board meeting.

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment