

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 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, September 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. An Executive Session will be held during the course of the meeting to consider personnel/employment issues and contract negotiations.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of August 12, 2008 Minutes

Approval of Bills

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Correspondence

FY09 Budget Update

*Since the presentation of the tentative budget last month, there haven't been any new developments at the State level that would have a major impact on our budget planning. Mr. Laser will present a thorough overview of our final budget during the Budget Hearing on September 23, 2008.

Acceptance of Application for Recognition of Schools

*The Board of Education must approve the district's application for recognition of schools. The Superintendent, with the assistance from the building principals, completed and reviewed the application. The administration is, therefore, requesting approval of the recognition application.

Employee Job Descriptions

*The administration is currently meeting with faculty and staff to update all employee job descriptions and evaluation tools in the district. The administration will present updated job descriptions to the board throughout the coming months.

Principal's Update

*Playground Upgrades: An update will be given on the proposals received to begin the asphalt work on the new playground area. We have received a proposal from E.T. Simonds that will not require us to request bids. We are waiting on a couple of proposals regarding the dirt work needed to prepare the area for the asphalt. With your approval, we hope to get started as soon as possible.

Principal for Instruction's Update

*Current Enrollment Figures

*Update on Grants/Title I Audit:

The NCLB Consolidated Grant and the Reading Improvement Block Grant have been amended according to auditor suggestions and submitted to ISBE for approval. A School-Wide Title I Plan must be written to continue eligibility for FY10.

The Title I, IIA, and III grants were audited this summer. Findings included the lack of a district parental involvement policy, the lack of maintaining separate expenditure accounts for grant expenditures, and the lack of maintaining control over private school funds. Measures have been taken to correct all of the findings.

*Professional Development School (PDS):

A PDS retreat was held on September 5 to discuss the future goals of the PDS collaboration. Mrs. Haar is working with Professor Christie McIntyre to develop up to date courses for Early Childhood majors and education majors in the areas of early literacy, technology, and classroom management. Unity Point School will be utilized as part of the field study for her courses. Unity Point School staff will be asked to be guest speakers on selected topics.

Executive Session*

Employment Issues

- Resignation of Supervisory Aide
- Employment of Pre-K Aide and Library Aide
- Employment of Coaching Staff for Girl's Basketball
- Employment of Kitchen Staff---Grant Position
- Approval of Maternity Leave Request
- Discussion/Approval of Administrative and Non-Certified Salary Increases

Negotiations

- Approval of 2008-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment