

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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, December 8, 2009, at 6:00 PM. An Executive Session will be held during the course of the meeting. Action is anticipated.

Executive Session: *Consider Personnel/Employment Issues

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of November 10, 2009 Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *IASB Workshop Invitation: Basics of Law on Board Meetings and Practices
- *Thank You Note from Kim Lillig, former UP Teacher, for Baby Gift
- *Thank You Note from Donna Boros, ROE Superintendent, for Memorial
- *Congratulation to Mike Blair, Teacher, Recipient of EPA Grant
- *Thank You Note from ISLMA for Volunteer Assistance of Alisa Simpson
- *Spring 2010 Course Request/Pay Adjustment from Samantha Hunt

Approval of 2009-2010 Seniority Lists

- * The final 2009-2010 Seniority List was reviewed and amended as necessary. It was posted in the building and given to UPEA on December 7, 2009 in accordance with Illinois State Code deadline of February 1. As part of that requirement, the Board of Education must approve the final list as presented.

FY11 Budget Reduction Scenarios

- *The state has, and continues, to experience great financial uncertainty therefore creating major concerns for all school districts and the fiscal year 2011 budget. The current state budget projection includes a \$12 billion budget shortfall. This includes the loss of ARRA funds, the debt service on this year's pension notes, and \$3 billion in delayed payments to state vendors. The State is also obligated to increase the pension payment by an estimated \$1.2 billion next year. On top of that we have just learned that State Income Tax revenue is coming in less than expected due to the high rate of unemployment, and that we are running an

additional \$900 million short of projections. Illinois is using approximately \$1 billion in stimulus funding in FY 2009 and FY 2010 for General State Aid purposes. In FY 2011, the State will have to come up with an additional \$1 billion just to maintain education funding levels. Therefore, due to the problems with the State budget, the general economic environment, and our individual budgetary concerns; it will be necessary for the district to utilize all possible funding solutions to deal with this financial crisis. Attached for your review is a draft of possible options for the Board to consider when addressing our financial situation. Dr. James-Gross will provide a detailed explanation of the options presented.

Approval of Food Bids

*Bids for food items for the second half of the school year (January 1 – July 31, 2010) were received on December 3, 2009. Ulli Tragoudas will present a summary of the respective bids at the board meeting. The administration recommends that the food bids be awarded to the low bid as presented.

Principal for Instruction's Update

*Current Enrollment Figures (as of 12/3/2009)

*Review of School-Wide Title Plan & Parent Involvement Plan

-The District Title I Plan and Parent Involvement Plan are attached for your review and subsequent approval. As is required annually by the ISBE, the School Improvement Team reviewed the attached plans and made the necessary revisions for 2009-2010. Upon Board approval, the District Title I Plan will be resubmitted to the ISBE as updated for 2009-2010. The Parent Involvement Plan is not submitted but is kept on file.

*Grant Summary (Per the Request of the Board)

Determine Necessity of Winter Board Retreat (Date and Agenda)

*The board will need to determine if there is a need for a half-day board retreat/work session during the month of January; January 9th or 16th are possible dates.

Executive Session*

-Employment Issues

*Continued Sick Leave Request for Classroom Teacher

*Superintendent's Evaluation Process

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

*The faculty and staff Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Friday, December 18th at 8:30 a.m. in the Commons. The members of the board are more than welcome to attend.

Board Remarks

Adjournment