

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 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, November 10, 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 October 13, 2009 Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

-Recognition of Students Qualifying for IMEA District 6 Festival

Public Hearing---2009 Tax Levy

*The preliminary tax levy was presented at the October board meeting. The district needs to levy taxes in the amount of \$1,234,300 not including the bond and interest levy assessed by the County Clerk of \$366,000 for a total 2009 levy of \$1,600,300.

The district is required to hold a truth in taxation hearing in November since the amount of taxes levied for 2009 exceeds the taxes extended for 2008 by more than 5%. Total property taxes levied for 2009 represent an 11.53% increase over the 2008 property taxes extended.

Please note that we are legally required to compare last year's extension of property taxes to the current year proposed levy. Because the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of the district will not be determined until after the levy is filed, the dollar amount of the levy must be set high enough to cover the full extension amount available on each \$100 of the final district EAV.

Passage of Levy, Certificate of Compliance, and PTELL

*Pursuant to the review of the Tax Levy, Certificate of Compliance, and PTELL at the hearing which was held in accordance with State Law, the administration recommends that the Levy be approved as presented.

Summary Budget Analysis of Education Fund

*At present, the Education Fund is the primary source of our deficit fund balance. Our entire operating budget is approximately \$6 million dollars with nearly \$5 million appropriated to the Education Fund. It is anticipated that the conclusion of the fiscal year 2010, the Education Fund will experience a \$640,000 dollar deficit. Attached for your review and subsequent discussion is a summary analysis of the expenditures associated with the various functions within the Education Fund.

Presentation of 2009-2010 Seniority Lists

*The tentative Seniority List for 2009-2010 will be presented at the board meeting. Following the board meeting, the list will be given to UPEA for review. Employees will have an opportunity to raise questions and/or raise objections with respect to placement on the list. They will have until December 4, 2009 to submit written objections/questions. Any changes necessary will then be made and a final posting will be available on December 9, 2009.

Resolution Concerning Serious Safety Hazard Finding

*The administration is requesting that the Board adopt the enclosed annual resolution concerning the serious safety hazard findings. Mr. Laser will provide further information at the meeting, if needed.

Presentation of Library per Capita Grant

*The application for the School Library Per Capita Grant for 2009-2010 has been submitted to the Secretary of State. If approved by the State, the District should receive approximately \$500.00 for library services. Illinois Statutes require the Board of Education to review the library's progress towards meeting the Illinois Standards for school library media centers. Alisa Simpson will provide an overview of these standards at the board meeting.

Principal for Instruction's Update

- Current Enrollment Figures (as of 11/4/09)

- Grants Update

 - *Mrs. Haar will provide an update regarding the recent submission of all district grants.

- Proposal for Jr. High Model at 5th/6th Grade Levels

 - *Mrs. Haar and Mr. Midden will present a proposal concerning the restructuring of the 5th and 6th grade schedules to more closely mirror the Jr. High approach. Attached for your review is the explanation behind the proposal.

Executive Session*

Employment Issues

- Proposal for Administrative Positions/Responsibilities for 2010-2011 School Year

 - *See Attachment

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment