

UNITY POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #140  
4033 South Illinois Avenue  
Carbondale, IL 62903  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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, January 10, 2012, at 6:00 PM. An Executive Session will be held during the course of the meeting. Action is expected.

Executive Session:\* Consider Personnel/Employment Issues

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25

\*Since the November 2011 board meeting, seven non-school related organizations have requested to distribute flyers to our students. The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 11/14 and 12/16/2011:

1. For Kid's Sake Art Auction
2. Kohl's Cares/Movers & Shakers Program
3. Saluki Holiday Basketball Mini-Camp
4. Lights Fantastic Parade/Carbondale Main Street
5. Carbondale Park District/December Youth Newsletter
6. Jr. Dawgs Coed Youth Basketball Program
7. **Illinois 4-H/Rifle Discipline Course (posted in main office ONLY)**

Acceptance of the 10-Year Safety Survey Report

\*Scott Satterlee, Baysinger Design Group, has completed our safety survey which is required by the Illinois School Code every 10 years. The report contains prioritized recommendations and, upon approval of the Regional Superintendent of Schools and the State Superintendent of Education, may require the Unity Point Board of Education to make corrections. Our annual Health-Life-Safety audit is scheduled for January 17, 2012; we will submit the results of our Safety Survey Report at that time. The administration will inform the board of any resulting decisions made by the ROE or State Superintendent of Education.

Presentation of 2011-2012 Seniority Lists/SB 7 Joint Committee Agreement

\*The tentative Seniority List for 2011-2012 is attached for your review. Following the board meeting, the list will be given to UPEA for review. Employees will have an opportunity to raise questions and/or objections with respect to placement on the list. They will have until February 1, 2012 to submit written questions/objections. Any necessary changes will then be made and a final posting will be available on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

\*In accordance with Senate Bill 7, the Unity Point RIF Joint Committee (James-Gross, Haar, Wright, Borowitz) met on November 28, 2011 to address matters related to reductions in force/recall that were required as of December 1, 2011. Dr. James-Gross will provide further explanation at the meeting.

Discussion of District Action Plan and Planning Process

\*The Action Plan is due for review and follow-up revisions as the current goals concluded with the end of 2010-2011 school year. The administration recommends that a board-community retreat be held in late April or early May to address new goals for the district. The administration also recommends that a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards conduct the retreat activities. The cost to utilize the IASB in this process is approximately \$600 for a half-day (4 hour) session.

Quarterly Financial Report

\*Mr. Laser will review the district's revenue and expenditures for the second quarter of FY12. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laser at your convenience.

Principal for Instruction's Update

\*Current Enrollment Figures (As of 1/6/2012)

\*Request from Tri-County for K-3 Communication Development (CD) Classroom

-The CD program serves early childhood students and students from fourth through eighth grade. The program is designed for children diagnosed with or suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder. A diagnosis of autism does not automatically place a child into the program. To qualify for this program a student must exhibit severe communication impairment, without significant deficits in other domains (e.g. cognition, motor). The program addresses severe communication needs through an intense language and sensory based approach. The communication development program challenges the students to grow functionally and academically while focusing on improving communication, behavioral and social skills. Ms. Haar and Mrs. Brewer, Tri-County, will provide further information during the meeting.

\*Approval of School Improvement Plan

-Annually, the school improvement plan must be reviewed and accepted by the local board of education. However, it does not need to be submitted to the ISBE since we are not a district identified as "in school improvement" status. This document was created by the UP School Improvement Team in collaboration with the administration through the analysis of school-wide data. It is utilized as our guide for the implementation of activities and strategies to continue our goals toward improvement.

Executive Session\*

\*Employment Issues

-Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment