

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 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, July 24, 2012, at 6:00 PM. An Executive Session will be held during the course of the meeting to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and to consider collective negotiating matters with UPEA. Action is expected.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of June 9, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

Approval of June 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

*Letter of Intent to Retire---Bea Geraci, Technology Director

*Notification of Monarch Award Books Grant to Alisa Simpson (\$300)

Development of Running Club for 2012-2013 School Year (Grades 5-8)

*It is the recommendation of the administration to proceed with the development of a Running Club for the upcoming school year; with potential movement toward a Unity Point Cross Country Team beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The administration plans to seek parent volunteers (background check and board approval required) who wish to sponsor the Running Club. Students in grades 5th through 8th will be eligible for participation. Once the administration has assessed the level of interest in the Running Club and the potential impact of establishing a Cross Country team on our existing Baseball/Softball teams, a recommendation will be provided to the Board regarding the formal development of a Unity Point Cross Country Team. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting from our insurance provider regarding transportation issues and from the SIJH Athletic Association regarding individual student participation in the State Cross Country meet for the 2012 season.

Approve Application for Use of Temporary Facility

*This application must be completed by the district architect, annually, for the use of our temporary facilities that house our Pre-K program. The administration recommends its acceptance, so that it may be forwarded to the Regional Superintendent for final approval.

End-of-Year Financial Report with Update on State Budget Issues

*Mr. Laser has prepared the end-of-year financial report based on the expenditures and revenue for the past school year as projected in the school budget. Where there are significant differences between what was projected in the budget and what actually materialized, explanations have been made. Please contact Mr. Laser should you have any questions.

Discuss Potential Change of Date for Future July Board Meetings

*During the first week in July, the administration experiences a high volume of work in completing the required end-of-year reports and grant applications; coupled with the July 4th holiday it makes it very difficult to prepare and post the board packet for the following Tuesday's meeting. The administration is requesting that the Board consider moving the July board meeting to either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of July to assist the administration in the accurate preparation of the board materials.

Discuss Potential Dates for Required Board Trainings and Board Self-Evaluation

*The administration suggests completing the 4-hour mandated board training during late September or early October. Since we are on a retainer with our attorneys, Shane Jones will be available to conduct the training at Unity Point. Also, considering we have a board election coming in April 2013 and have four seats up for election/re-election, the administration would like to have Patrick Rice, IASB, conduct a board self-evaluation during our regular winter retreat. The self-evaluation process is either conducted in open or closed session and takes approximately four hours; costing \$400. It would be beneficial to the administration to have access to the results of a board self-evaluation conducted with the current members; especially since there is the potential for new board membership. The board would need to decide on a potential date during the month of January.

Principal's Update

*Current Enrollment/Registration Figures

-Enclosed for your review is a summary of current student enrollment figures for the 2012-2013 school year.

Executive Session

*Employ Jr. High Social Studies Teacher for 2012-2013 School Year

*Potential Employment of Co-Assistant Coach for 2012 Baseball Season

*Review/Approve Updated Job Description for Business Manager

*Negotiations Update

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment