

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2011

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 8, 2011, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of October 24, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

Public Hearing---2011 Tax Levy

*The preliminary tax levy was presented at the October board meeting. The district needs to levy taxes in the amount of \$1,383,800 not including the bond and interest levy assessed by the County Clerk of \$459,000 for a total 2011 levy of \$1,842,800.

The district is required to hold a truth in taxation hearing in November since the amount of taxes levied for 2011 exceeds the taxes extended for 2010 by more than 5%. Total property taxes levied for 2011 represent a 6.21% increase over the 2010 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.

Presentation of FY11 Audit

*Kevin Batteau, CPA, with Kujawa and Batteau will present the FY11 audit report to the Board. He will be available throughout the meeting to answer any questions. Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. Laser. The administration recommends acceptance of the FY11 Audit as presented.

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.

Purchase of Kubota Lawnmower

*Our current lawnmower, a 48" Exmark Zero-Turn, is 9½ years old. Due to the age of the mower and the number of acres that must be maintained, it is the recommendation of the administration to purchase a 60" Kubota Zero-Turn Mower with diesel engine. Paul Hagler and Bill Laser shopped several brands and decided the Kubota would be the one to best meet our needs. Quotes were gathered from three dealers and the lowest came from Heartland Kubota in Carterville in the amount of \$11,150.00. Kubota is also offering 60 months free financing which can be considered at the time of purchase. Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. Laser.

Purchase of 2012 Ford E150 8-Passenger Van

*We have been using two different mini-buses the past several years to make Du Quoin bus run to Ward School. Both buses have over 170,000 miles and are 10 and 20 years old. Both buses have various mechanical and body problems which will only worsen with time. It is the recommendation of the administration that we purchase an 8-passenger van to replace these two mini-buses. Since we transport very few students to Ward School, the van should meet our needs quite well. Vogler Ford has been able to give us a quote in the amount of \$21,287.00. This van normally lists for \$33,075.00. The quote received reflects the municipal discount and is slightly less than the State awarded contract amount for this vehicle. Should you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. Laser.

Official Employment of Bus Mechanic & EOC Aide

*Per last month's approval to hire ancillary staff as needed, the administration recommends the official employment of the following individuals:

1. Mike Mayes---Bus Mechanic/Driver
2. AJ Chester---EOC Aide for 3rd Grade Student

Principal's Update

*Current Enrollment Figures (11/4/2011)

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment