

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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 Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 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. Board action on items discussed in closed session is anticipated.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

*Letter of Resignation from Tim Ward, Boys Baseball Coach

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

-The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 1/7 and 2/8/2013:

1. Saturday Strings---SIU School of Music
2. Carbondale Soccer Registration
3. Carbondale Public Library Newsletter
4. Saluki Shaker Dance Clinic
5. River to River Runners Club Kids Fun & Fitness Day
6. CCHS Multicultural Festival
7. Hot Wheels Skatium January & February Calendar
8. Carbondale Park District Youth Newsletter
9. Kohl's Care Catch on to Health Newsletter
10. Carbondale Eliteft Fitness Program
11. UP140 Steering Committee Referendum Flyer

Approval of 2012-2013 Seniority Lists

*The tentative Seniority List for 2012-2013 has been reviewed and amended as necessary. We did not receive any written requests from employees for changes or updates; the list was posted in the building and given to UPEA in accordance with Illinois School Code deadline of February 1. As part of that requirement, the Board of Education must approve the final list as presented. Following the board meeting, a final posting will be made available to the UPEA.

2013 ISBE Financial Profile

*Attached for your review is a copy of the “School District Financial Profile” which is the instrument developed by the ISBE to help monitor the finances of school districts and identify which are in or are moving toward financial difficulty. Our district will be designated under the category of Financial Recognition when the report is released in March, based on the indicators which take into consideration the overall financial strength of the district, district expenditures compared to revenues, number of days the district could operate without additional revenues, and the district’s available short-term and long-term borrowing capacity.

Recognition means that our district is in the highest category of financial strength with a score of 3.55 out of a possible 4.00; requiring little or no review or involvement by ISBE unless requested by the district. The Board of Education and Mr. Laser are to be commended for their efforts in maintaining the financial health of UP. Dr. James-Gross and Mr. Laser will provide further explanation at the meeting.

Cash and Investments Report

*This information should have been included in last month’s Quarterly Financial Report and was simply overlooked. Mr. Laser will provide further explanation at the meeting; should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laser at your convenience.

April 9, 2013 Referendum Update

*The UP #140 Steering Committee is hosting a voter registration night at Evergreen Terrace on Wednesday, February 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Informational flyers were sent home with students on Friday, February 8th. Door-to-door distribution of flyers will begin late February and continue into early March. Post card reminders with early voting dates/location will be mailed the week of March 18th. The steering committee is currently investigating the use of the District’s alert-now messaging system as a means to communicate with parents directly before the date of the election.

Approval of Unity Point Cross Country Team

*After piloting a successful Running Club during the 2012 Cross Country season, the administration would recommend that the Board of Education approve the formal organization of a Unity Point Cross Country team. The Unity Point Booster Club has agreed to fund a \$1000 coaching stipend for the 2013-2014 season. If approved, the administration will conduct both an internal and external job posting for the coaching position. The annual cost to include a cross country team in the Southern Illinois Jr. High Athletic Association is \$60. At this time, we will utilize our older track uniforms and plan to participate in local events only. If the 2013-2014 season proves successful and the Board would plan to continue cross country, the annual stipend would need to be negotiated as part of our UPEA contract.

Need for Tentative March 5th Board Meeting

*The administration is not recommending a reduction-in-force for the 2013-2014 school year and therefore does not have a need for the tentative board meeting scheduled for March 5, 2013.

Destruction of Closed Meeting Recordings prior to February 2012

*In accordance with Illinois School Code 5: 120/2.06, the administration recommends the board approve the destruction of the following closed meeting recordings as presented:

- August 10, 2010
- September 7, 2010
- November 9, 2010
- December 14, 2010
- January 11, 2011
- February 8, 2011
- March 8, 2011
- May 10, 2011
- June 7, 2011
- July 12, 2011
- August 9, 2011
- January 10, 2012

Principal's Update

- *Current Enrollment Figures (As of 2/7/2013)
- *Student Suspension Report

Executive Session*

- *Employment Issues
 - Hearing on Superintendent's Recommendation for Dismissal of Employee
 - Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation & Goals

UPEA

Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment