

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 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 Tuesday, May 14, 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.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Approval of Bills

Correspondence

- *Thank You Note for Baby Gift from Susan Murphy, Resource Teacher
- *Thank You Note for Baby Gift from Ginger Staples, Kindergarten Teacher
- *Thank You Note from Du Quoin Staff for Technology Visit
- *Certificate of Appreciation from Illinois State Capitol Building
- *IASB Shawnee Division Memo/Update
- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
 - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 4/12 and 5/9/2013:
 1. Race to Cub Scouting---Carbondale Cub Scouts
 2. Bowling for Autism---SIU Center for Autism
 3. Hot Wheels Skatium May Calendar of Events
 4. Orchestra Day Camp---SI Music Festival
 5. Scholastic Books Warehouse Event---City of Marion Pavilion
 6. Change for Autism---Autism Society of Illinois
 7. Catch on to Health May Newsletter---SIH Carbondale
 8. Academic Culture Camp---SIU School of Music
 9. 2013 Summer Camps---SIU-C
 10. British Soccer Camps 2013---SIU-C
 11. Build Your Own Android App Camp---SIU-C
 12. 2013 Terrier Summer Basketball Camps---CCHS

Required Board Member Trainings

*To date, all board members who are required to participate in mandatory trainings have been registered for local workshops. Those board members needing to complete the training for Open Meetings Act may do so on-line. Dr. James-Gross will provide further information at the meeting.

2013 COPS Hiring Program/Grant Application

*The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is considering applying for a federal grant to partially fund a school resource officer to be shared amongst local school districts. Unity Point, Giant City, and Trico School districts have been approached about collaborating on this project. If awarded, the CHP grant would cover up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn law enforcement officer over the three-year (36 months) grant period, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position. In past applications, the local match has been funded at 25% in year one, 50% in year two, and 75% in year three. If the local match were to be funded by all partners, each entity would be responsible for approximately \$4100 in year one, \$9200 in year two, and \$14,100 in year three. The fourth year of the grant would be the sole responsibility of the collaborating districts with each district contributing approximately \$20,000. The intent of the grant is to provide schools with resource officers who are expected to spend a minimum of 75% of their time working on youth-related activities, crime prevention efforts, and increasing their community policing capacity.

Should the decision be made to move forward with Unity Point's participation in the grant, the Board will need to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Approve Submission of ISBE Maintenance Grant Application (Summer 2013)

*On April 17, 2013, ISBE announced that the State is making available \$9.8 million for the School Maintenance Grant Program. The dollar-for-dollar matching grant program provides up to \$50,000 in matching funds for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Applications must be submitted in partnership with the local architect to the Regional Office of Education by May 31, 2013 through the IWAS system. A meeting was held with our architect, Baysinger Design, on April 25. We discussed the potential of completing exterior brick work including sealant and roof replacement on the 1986 edition. Baysinger is currently completing cost estimates for each of the projects and will then assist in the completion of the grant application and submission of the necessary Health Life Safety Amendment. The administration is requesting that the Board of Education authorize the submission of the school maintenance application up to an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Award Student Insurance for 2013-2014 School Year

*Gerlock & Associates, out of Carterville, is the only proposal we have received for voluntary student insurance coverage. The administration would recommend that the Board of Education approve K&K Insurance (with Gerlock & Associates) as our provider. Generally, we do have a few parents who choose to utilize this insurance. The coverage is intended to provide supplemental insurance, although some parents take the coverage as their ONLY form of insurance.

Principal's Update

*2013-2014 Parent/Student Handbook Revisions

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the parent/student handbook for 2013-2014 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the June board meeting with the expectation for final approval at that time. Ms. Haar will provide an overview of the changes during the meeting.

*2013-2014 Athletic Handbook

-Enclosed are the proposed changes for the athletic handbook for 2013-2014 school year. The administration will present any additional changes during the June board meeting with the expectation for final approval at that time. Ms. Haar and Mr. Ward will provide an overview of the changes during the meeting.

*End-of-Year Activities

-Included for your review is a list of important dates and events that will the end of the school year.

*Current Enrollment Figures as of 5/6/2013 AND Spring Registration Update

-Ms. Haar will provide an update regarding spring registration and projected enrollment numbers for the 2013-2014 school year.

*LEA Determination Designation

-The Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed our data from the 2011-2012 school year and has determined that Unity Point has received the designation of **MEETS REQUIREMENTS** in implementing one or more of the requirements of IDEA. Ms. Haar will provide further explanation at the meeting.

*Student Suspension Report (April 10 thru May 9)

-If necessary, Ms. Haar will provide an updated report at the meeting.

June and July 2013 Board Meetings

*Due to vacations and summer commitments, the Board will need to determine whether or not a quorum is available for the June and July meetings; then discuss proposed dates for rescheduling, if necessary.

Executive Session

*Special Education Proposal/Staffing Needs for 2013-2014

-Employment of Full-Time Special Education Teacher

*Assistant to the Principal Proposal

-Approval of Revised Job Description and Compensation Adjustment

*Proposal to Address Technology Teacher/Course Offering

-Approval to Absorb Position through Attrition/Post Exploratory Position

*Maintenance Staffing Proposal

-Approval of Additional Job Responsibilities and Compensation Adjustment

*Employment of Technology Director

-Approval of Job Description, Compensation, and Benefits

*Upcoming Negotiations

-Approval to Begin Contract Discussions with UPEA

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment