

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of August 14, 2012 Minutes

Approval of Bills

Recognition of Guests and Visitors/Public Comment

Correspondence

- *Thank You Note from Kay Tennill, Retired Music Teacher
- *Congratulations to Sandy Charlson, IASB LeaderShop Academy Member
- *\$500 Donation to UP from Mr. and Mrs. David & Carol King
- *IASB Shawnee Fall Meeting on October 2, 2012 at Joppa High School, Joppa, IL
- *UP Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- *Distribution and Display of Community Flyers and Posters---Policy 8:25
 - The following requests were submitted and subsequently approved between 7/26 and 9/7/2012:
 1. Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, Tina Boyce
 2. CCHS Terrier Cheerleader Mini-Clinic, Heather Hoffman
 3. Carbondale Soccer, Inc., Gene Turk & Susan Pimentel
 4. SIU Preparatory School of the Arts, Paula Melton
 5. Wolf Scouts, Amy Wright
 6. Cub Scouts, Jen Manning
 7. For Kids' Sake Run/Walk-a-Thon
 8. Hot Wheels Skatium September Calendar

Financial Planning Options

*The administration has asked Steve Larson, Financial Advisor with Ehlers & Associates to discuss options for funding the District's operating budget over the next five years and beyond.

Illinois County School Facility Tax Presentation for Jackson County

*Jackson County Superintendents met on August 10, 2012 to discuss the interest in pursuing the county-wide sales tax as a source of revenue for local schools. Stifel and Nicolaus, a national brokerage firm and leader in Illinois bond underwriting was asked to provide a presentation on the topic. They have created and produced complimentary

informational sales tax literature for Illinois schools to help begin discussions on the topic (see attachment). The meeting concluded with the decision to move forward and begin discussions with our boards of education. If we so choose to continue with the process, the Board will need to pass a resolution prior to January 2013 to place the Sales Tax question on the April 2013 ballot.

Review of District Goals and Planning Report from June 9th Board/Community Retreat

*Attached for your review is a copy of the report created by Dr. Rice, IASB, summarizing our work from the retreat held on June 9, 2012. The Board will need to review and discuss the next steps for implementation of our strategic plan, including the selection of district goals.

Acceptance of Application for Recognition of Schools 2012-2013

*The Board of Education must approve the district's application for recognition of schools. The Superintendent, with the assistance from the building principal, completed and reviewed the application. The administration is, therefore, requesting approval of the recognition application.

Mandated Board Member Training

*Every school board member in office on January 1, 2012 is required to complete the training for Open Meetings Act within one year of that date. The IASB is expected to provide the OMA training on-line beginning late September 2012. The administration will notify all board members when the on-line training is available for completion. Also, every school board member elected for a term beginning after June 13, 2011 is required to complete a minimum of four (4) hours of professional development leadership training within the first year of the board member's first term. The administration has spoken with Shane Jones, Board Attorney, about providing such training after the upcoming board election in April 2013.

Principal's Update

***Current Enrollment Figures and Class Size Update (as of 9/6/12)**

***Review of Race to the Top Continuous Improvement Plan/Board Action Report**

-Ms. Haar will provide an overview of our RTTT3 Scope of Work and Tasks.

***Discussion of Intent to Participate in the Federal RTTT3 Grant Competition**

-The U.S. Department of Education is distributing nearly \$400 million in grants to support local initiatives that encourage districts to create personal learning environments that are aligned with college and career-ready standards, accelerate student achievement and expand access to the most effective teachers. Unity Point is seeking to write the grant as a consortium with Murphysboro CUSD #186 as 2000 students are needed to qualify for the application process. If selected as a grant recipient, it would give our districts the ability to achieve the current reform efforts at the local level without a state process to be navigated. Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

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Administrative Remarks

Board Remarks

Adjournment