

**UNITY POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #140**

**4033 South Illinois Avenue**

**Carbondale, IL 62903**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**Thursday, October 29, 2026**

Persons who do not plan to attend the meeting in person and wish to make a public comment can do so by submitting their public comments ahead of the meeting to Dr. Yaa Appiah-McNulty, Superintendent, via e-mail at [yappiahmcnulty@up140.org](mailto:yappiahmcnulty@up140.org) with the subject "Public Comments for 10/29/26 Board Meeting." These submitted comments will be shared in accordance with Board Policy.

The Zoom meeting broadcast will start at approximately 5:50 p.m., preceding the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. This will provide everyone who wants to join with time to address any technical issues. The Board of Education will stop the video broadcast after officially adjourning the meeting. To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/5738518187> Meeting Access Code: up140

Thank you,  
Dr. Morteza Daneshdoost  
Board President

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 Thursday, October 29, 2026, 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. Action on items discussed in closed session is anticipated.

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of September 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing**
- 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Bills
- Presentation of Financial Reports
- Jackson County SFST October Distribution

**Correspondence**

- Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) 2027 Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Nomination, ISBE
- Education Game 2026 - SIU WBB
- FOIA

- 5. Recognition of Guests and Visitors / Public Comment**

*The Board of Education welcomes the audience to make public or employee comments. The Board has set aside time in the agenda specifically for this purpose. Pursuant to Board Policy 2.230, each speaker shall be limited to a 5-minute presentation. Please be aware that, while this is the time for the public to express its opinions and/or concerns, the Board may or may not comment regarding public presentations. If a matter of public comment warrants discussion or action of the Board of Education, such discussion or action will be added to the agenda for a future meeting.*

- 6. Old Business**

Action: 2026-2027 Finalized Student & Parent Handbook

- 7. New Business**

First Quarter Financial Report Analysis

**8. Administrative Updates**

- Enrollment Report
- PBIS / School Discipline Update
- Strategic Plan & School Improvement Plan/CIT Update

**9. Executive Session**

Motion to move that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss matters permitted by law, including the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; pending, probable, or imminent litigation; and the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. The Board may also discuss any other matter specifically authorized for Executive Session as permitted by law.

- Uniform Grievance Review
- Personnel

**10. Action Items**

Approval of Recommended Hires: Employment contingent upon successful completion of all District requirements and background checks.

- Brooke Fite - Executive to Superintendent & Board of Education
- Chassity Leggans - EOC Aide
- Cassie Brooks - EOC Aide
- Nick Russell - Bus Driver & Ground Keeper

Action On Grievance(s)

**11. Administrative Remarks****12. Board Remarks****13. Adjournment**