# Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes 12/15/2018

## **Members in Attendance**

Jamie Wood, President
Heather Bunyan, Vice President
Matt Walsh, Secretary
Principal
Chris Nation, Member
Veronica Armendariz, Member
Sarah Mitchell, Member

#### Administration

Jim Anderson, Director Kevin Rouse, UCPS Principal Ken Wildenstein, UCES

Mandy Bailey, UCES Vice Principal Angie Emmons, Finance Manager

## **Members Absent**

Susan Ackerman

#### **Action Items**

- Consent Agenda included:
  - Approval of minutes from November 17, 2018 board meeting (with 2 corrections).
     Motion to approve by Bunyan, second by Nation. Unanimous vote in favor.
  - Motion to issue written statement from the Board approving the purchase of the Shadow Fax property and authorizing Jim Anderson to sign all documents pertinent to that transaction. Motion by Nation, second by Walsh. Unanimous vote in favor.

## **Discussion Items**

- Construction
  - Owner's Representative (not present). Conference table and chairs installed. Waiting on estimate for possible custom trophy case. Locks still being changed out. Concrete floors to be redone over Christmas break. Variance permit for asbestos abatement has been submitted. UCPS is under contract for purchase of Shadow Fax property. Construction schedule/timeline presented assuming variance is granted. Demolition of Shadow Fax and 2007 part of old building to begin in May 2019. Demo of oldest building with asbestos to occur in summer 2019. Layout of new parking lot, traffic flow chart, lawn, outside basketball court, fencing and access points presented. Discussion of possible redesign of parking lot to address traffic flow led to creation of ad hoc committee to include Nation, Anderson and a member of faculty. Special attention to be given to timeframe and cost of redesign option.

# Marketing efforts

 Anderson visited St. Mary's to recruit 8th graders for next year. Appointments set for following week to recruit 8th graders at Salida del Sol and Westridge Academy. UCPS brochure printed up. UCS postcards sent to all non-UCPS families. 12-13 applications received on opening day of Schoolmint. Currently at 53 applicants. Additional 50 pre-schoolmint applicants (mostly kindergartners). Those families on waiting list were contacted and offered transfer in at semester change. (One junior and one freshman recruited this way. Three 7th graders committed to transfer at summer break). Practice of contacting waiting list students at mid school year to continue.

- Strategic planning/grant: no update to note
- North Range Behavioral Health school-based therapist: Rouse reports overwhelming support for this position from prep school faculty. Cost of position will be split with University. Funding potential through MLO. Discussion of safety benefits of staffing this position and following protocol to contact parents of students prior to non-emergency counseling.

# **Reports**

#### Board

- Module 3: Board Member Conduct
- Newsletter: Second phase construction design and Shadow Fax updates
- Policy Review: GCBA Instructional Staff Contacts/Compensation/Salary Schedules. GCCAF Professional Staff Sabbatical and Educational Leave. GCCAG Professional Development Leave. GCEC Posting Vacancies. GCE/GCF Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring.
- o Open Board seat: still seeking appointee with accounting/finance experience

#### Reports

- Principal Rouse: Shortened schedule for Finals next week. MS Boys basketball took 2nd place in NCIL tournament. Reading intervention classes to begin to help 45 students reading below ARC level. Recovery class 2.0, Keystone and Branson online. Goal for future semesters is to get UCPS schedules done prior to AIMS Community College registration, spring semester AIMS registration begins in early April.
- Principal Wildenstein: Increase of foot traffic from cold weather shelter. Working close with Evans PD about concerns. Two committees working on making grading guidelines match more closely with teaching style. Deadline set to have recommendations ready for dissemination by August. Dibels Reading scores show significant improvement. Ornament project done. Revision of digital Student Handbook being done by committee. Student won District 6 anti-bullying drawing competition.
- Financial Report: Emmons, 42% through the year. Revenue tracking a little high. Sub salaries are low but 4 new subs hired. Utilities costs are low thanks to rebate from Xcel Energy, Tiger natural gas and more cost efficient appliances in new building.
- Director: Anderson, Christmas work project of consolidating calendars into one cohesive calendar

## Correspondence

- Report from AD Fowler on MS boys basketball team finishing 10-2 this season.
   Start of MS girls season with two new coaches, Samantha DuVall and Izzie
   Himmell. Continue to use small buses for trips. NWEA/Maps testing underway.
- Email from Tom Gribble reference 5th grader taking 3rd place in the anti-bullying prevention poster contest
- Email from Linda Miller reference UCPS Friends donating \$1000 for sound dampening tiles (band practice rooms).

# Other business

- 12.12 7:00 HS Orchestra and Choir
- 12.13 6:30 MS Strings
- 12.14 3:00 Elementary Faculty Council (H. Bunyan)
  - 7:00 MS and HS Band
- 01.11 2:45 Prep Faculty Council (H. Bunyan)
- 01.18 3:00 Elem Faculty Council (Walsh)
- 01.19 9:00 Board meeting at the Prep

# <u>Adjournment</u>

Meeting ended at 10:19 hrs