

Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes

4-20-19

Members in Attendance

Jamie Wood, President
Heather Bunyan, Vice President
Matt Walsh, Secretary
Veronica Armendariz, Member
Sarah Mitchell, Member
Courtney Walker, Member
Kristin Arnold, Member

Administration

Jim Anderson, Director
Ken Wildenstein, UCES Principal
Mandy Bailey, UCES Vice Principal
Kevin Rouse, UCPS Principal
Angie Emmons, Finance Director

Public Comments

Action Items

- Consent Agenda Approved. Motion by Bunyan, second by Walsh. Unanimous vote in favor. Agenda included: approval of minutes from March 19, 2019 Board Meeting
- Approval of Kristin Arnold as Secondary Parent Director board position with term ending in May, 2020. Motion by Bunyan, second by Armendariz. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Approval of proposed 2019/2020 School Calendar. Motion by Walker, second by Walsh. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Motion by Bunyan to demolish Shadowfax in Summer 2019 and delay demolition of old building and complete new building project until Summer 2020 in order to secure permits and necessary contractors (asbestos abatement company). Second by Mitchell. Unanimous vote in favor.

Discussion Items

- Construction
 - Owner's representative Jeff Reid
 - Asbestos Abatement: Jeff announced that Alpine Abatement Associates has withdrawn from the UCS building project and new bids have been secured. The least expensive bid is \$161,000 more than Alpine. Final permit from CDPHE and scheduling with new abatement contractor would likely delay start of school for Fall of 2019 at UCPS campus. (Alpine had only submitted a bid and was never under contract to perform abatement).
 - Summer 2019: Jeff and Roche project manager Dan Tran (on phone) advised demolition of Shadowfax in Summer 2019 to be replaced by temporary outdoor seating for students until full building demo could be done in Summer 2020. To save on cost, older parking lot would remain in place with playfield, fencing and landscaping adjustments to be made as needed.

- Flooring inside UCPS. Roche will tile common areas (hallways, lunchroom etc) in 2019 at no additional charge to UCS
- 2019/2020 Budget Update
 - No significant change since last draft of budget. Actual per pupil revenue amount will be known next month.
- Personnel Update
 - No new resignations. Adding two positions to UCES staff.
- Elementary Grading Update
 - Wildenstein, Bailey and Pam Wright (teacher) presented system approved by Elementary Faculty Council in order to comply with Colorado Dept. of Education Essential Skills . Anderson to lead K-12 Grading Committee to identify best practices to assess and grade students fairly. Board voiced concerns regarding grading practice allowing for teacher discretion on late work and retakes of assignments and assessments.

Reports

- Board
 - Mitchell summarized Module 13: Pitfalls to Avoid such as administrative indecision, nepotism, personal agendas, micromanagement and lack of policy infrastructure.
 - Newsletter: to include asbestos chronology
 - Policy Review: will resume in June 2019
 - Director Performance Evaluation: Wood to distribute survey monkey assessment on Anderson with reminder that responses are anonymous to encourage participation
 - Board Self-evaluation: results identified improvement needed with onboarding of new members
- Departments
 - Principal Rouse: Testing to continue through April. Students attended variety of events at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, UNC, Holocaust Remembrance, Latino Youth Conference. World Language Day was cancelled due to school threat which closed schools in Front Range. 200 people attended Spring Open House at UCPS. Prom went well at Zoe's and was supported by funds raised at 5K. Third time phone violations will be addressed with suspensions. Senior Carnival to take place on 5-17-19.
 - Principal Wildenstein: Field Day will be on 5-15. Awards Assembly on 5-16 along with PBIS Awards. Almost done with CMAS testing. Hiring an interventionist - offer extended with 4-22 deadline.
 - Financial: YTD financials are on track. We are at 75% of school year and are at 2.5% under budget.
 - Anderson: Precision Consulting will be presenting their finding at both Elementary and Prep campuses as well as next Board meeting. 140 kids recognized for assessment testing - encouraging personal best effort.

- Correspondence: Letters from Lynnette Veik and Marissa Hutchins distributed to Board with responses to follow.

Other Business

- 04.26 2:45 Precision presentation to Elementary
2:45 Prep Faculty Council
6:00 Peter Pan at Elementary
6:00 Talent Show at Prep
- 05.02 6-7 Elementary K and new student night
- 05.03 2:45 Precision presentation to Prep
- 05.08 5-6:30 Elementary Art Show
- 05.10 2:45 Elem Faculty Council
- 05.13 6-9 UCPS Music Concert at UCCC
- 05.15 Elem Field Day
- 05.16 7:00 Prep Awards Night
- 05.18 9:00 Board Meeting at Elem (Precision presents Holistic Review findings)

Executive Session

Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person(s) involved per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h). Meeting began @ 11:25 and ended 11:47.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM