

## **Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes**

**05/21/2020**

### **Members in Attendance**

Heather Bunyan, President  
Sarah Mitchell, Secretary  
Jamie Wood, Member  
Veronica Armendariz, Member  
Kristin Arnold, Member

### **Members Absent**

Matt Walsh, Vice President

### **Administration in Attendance**

Jim Anderson, Director  
Kevin Rouse  
Jemiah Fowler  
Kenny Wildenstein  
Mandy Bailey  
Angie Emmons  
Dave Warner  
Alycia Burns

**Called to order at 5:59 pm**

### **Action Items**

- Approval of Appointment/Ratification of Board Director Positions – motion made by Armendariz, seconded by Bunyan, motion passes. The appointments included:
  - Elementary Faculty Council appointment of Tim Marquart – term ending 5/31/2023
  - Building Corp appointment of Jamie Wood – term ending 5/31/2022
  - Secondary Elected Parent appointment of Kristen Arnold – term ending 5/31/2023
- Approval of Consent Agenda – motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Wood, motion passes. The consent agenda included:
  - Minutes from April 18, 2020 meeting
  - Recommendations for hire:
    - Monica Vasquez – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
    - Hannah Wells – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
    - Briana Bromley – Elementary SPED teacher
    - Aaron Lewis – middle school math
    - Dave Warner – Elementary Principal

### **Discussion Items**

- Summer 2020 Construction
  - Received letter from State 05/15/2020 with additional comments about asbestos abatement. These included:
    - Address of “popcorn” ceiling
    - Need more information from Alpine Construction’s specialized machinery for asbestos removal – Alpine is hesitant about patent/intellectual ownership
    - Verify roof does not have asbestos – already completed

- In depth detail about plan for sectioning roof and walls – Roche is working on completing it.
  - Details about shoring the walls to prevent from falling down when roof is removed.
- Problem lies in mandated time frame of 30-day review from time of submittal.
- \*Should\* get approval for cafeteria removal tomorrow (05/22/2020)
- Would need to be working by 1<sup>st</sup> June to allow staff back in building by 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- 19/20 Distance Learning Closure
  - Secondary – Classes finished this week. Feedback received was mostly positive, negatives were usually geared toward scheduling. Parents enjoyed the teacher contact made with students. Final grades posted next week. Graduation plans will come at a later date.
  - Elementary – Biggest struggle was to make sure children stayed engaged which relied heavily on parents. Pickup for student things will be held next week. Will donate items not picked up in August.
- 20/21 Blended Learning
  - Currently waiting on state requirements/parameters. Looking at Denver area school plans. Stimulus funding sources (unofficial numbers) will help with modification expenses.
- 20/21 Preliminary Budget
  - D6 is preparing for a 15% funding cut. Looking to carry forward \$2.5M unreserved funding in reserves. Faculty has deemed maintaining staff and freeze salaries is important. Freezing salaries will require a \$450K transfer of funds from reserves to make budget. Changing health benefits will save approximately \$20K.
  - Other budget savings has lessened reserve transfer to \$420K.
  - CARES funding can encompass several line items relating to COVID related expenses.
  - Concern was brought up about the future of funding and concern about what happens if the 21/22 budget would be hit harder.

## Reports

- Departments
  - Elementary – Response from parents have been pretty positive so far. Staff responded great during this situation. Kenny is working with Dave to make a smooth transition for next year.
  - Preparatory – July 6 is the tentative start date for fall sports. Sent out a pre-registration for fall sports and has had lots of responses. Lindsey Baker will be moving back to head volleyball coach. Overall, seems to have done a good job moving from in-person to online learning in a fast timeframe. Will be looking at feedback to plan for next school year. Finished individual teacher reviews. Staff was able to go through and get their things from school. Seniors were able to get their belongings and had an award ceremony. Has started doing student check-in/check-out to get school equipment back.

Looking at enrollment almost daily to plan for lower enrollment next school year.  
Graduation will be held on July 27 at D6 stadium. Will be streamed live for anyone not able to make it.

- Finance
  - Revenue tracking low – still waiting on MLO carryover and reserve transfers.
  - Tracking ahead of budget by about \$600K because of front ended payments.
- Director
  - Feels like he's been better on communications this year. Nothing more to report than previously brought up.
- Departments
  - IT – switching gears to figure out things for fall to enable extended distance learning. Will need to replace 240 Chromebooks within the next 2 years. Considering giving each student personal Chromebook so they can use at school or at home without changing hands. Training activities to support online learning would be beneficial.
- Correspondence
  - Jamie to respond to Carrie Leffler
  - Kristen to respond to Samantha DuVall
  - Veronica to respond to Marisa Roggensack

Motion to go into Executive Session in regard to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters made by Wood, seconded by Arnold.

Entered into Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:51 and included only topic specific information to aforementioned section.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.