

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

**09/21/2019**

### **Members in Attendance**

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

### **Administration in Attendance**

Jim Anderson, Director  
Kenny Wildenstein, UCES Principal  
Mandy Bailey, UCES Vice Principal  
Kevin Rouse, UCPS Principal  
Jemiah Fowler, UCPS Principal  
Angie Emmons, Finance Manager

Meeting called to order 8:00 am.

### **Action Items**

- Approval of consent agenda – motion made by Arnold, seconded by Walsh, unanimous vote. Consent agenda included approval of minutes from 08/21/2019 meeting.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Michael Matthews, D6 Board President, and Kent Hanson, D6 Assistant Superintendent, came to talk about the upcoming Bond Campaign. Kent talked about the planned safety and security upgrades, building needs including ADA compliance and getting rid of portable buildings by re-building Greeley West, Christa McCauliffe and a new K-8 school. The projected amount from the bonds designated to UCS would be \$1.325M for repairs and renovation (including asbestos abatement and demo of vacant building and office space expansion) and \$1.25M for instructional/career and college prep upgrades.

### **Discussion Items**

- Finances
  - YTD – rearranging funds in accounts to increase interest payments
  - Audit draft financials will be received end of month and will be reviewed with board at next meeting
- Summer 2020 Construction
  - UCS representative Dan Tran is no longer with Roche Const. Jim has been assured that we will be assigned a new rep by next month to take over project and keep things moving. The asbestos variance is at the state level awaiting approval.
  - City plans have been announced to redo 20<sup>th</sup> St north of the Prep that will include turn lanes and a set-back sidewalk for student safety.
- Enrollment
  - Currently 4 students over budgeted count with several more offered positions.

## Reports

- Board
  - Module 8: Special Education – Kristin reviewed the laws surrounding special education including IDEA, the insurance model that UCS/D6 use, and FAPE.
  - Newsletter
    - Discussed in Executive Session
  - Policy Review – discussion about the review of the Board Bylaws, should they be kept on the agenda as an action item or have a special meeting? It was decided to keep on the agenda as current.
- Departments
  - UCES – has had a rough start of the year. A gas leak during dismissal and a safety lockdown brought gaps in protocol to light. They will go through what went wrong and how they can improve for future emergencies. Currently advocating with the district about SPED needs. A 30-day para is starting next week, but needing something permanent. NWEA testing is almost done and preliminary results are looking positive. Classroom visits are allowing teachers feedback for improvement.
  - UCPS academics – community night is coming up with a focus on meeting teachers. A recent safety drill has led to discussion of changing the evacuation route to improve response rates and keep kids out of the street. Will look at developing parent responsibilities on handling emergencies to hand out to parents. North Range Behavioral Health Services has helped free up school counsellor and allow her to handle more advising. Interviews are progressing for a new orchestra/choir teacher. ASL has been accepted for curriculum for foreign language.
  - UCPS athletics – seasons are changing. Soccer teams did well and volleyball is currently first in state. Bus routes changed to accommodate breakfast needs. Bus driver is still needed to avoid hiring charters all year. Last year's ARC test had 20% meeting benchmarks and this year was at 100%. Looking at changing location of testing area to get out of the gym, hopefully to improve concentration and motivation during tests.

## Board went into Executive Session at 9:58

Discussion adhered to the following:

- Specialized details of security arrangements or investigation C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d)
- Individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person(s) involved C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h)

Executive session adjourned at 10:24 am.

Board meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.