

Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes

08/21/2019

Members in Attendance

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

Administration Present

Jim Anderson, Director
Kenny Wildenstein, UCES
Mandy Bailey, UCES
Jemiah Fowler, UCPS

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM.

Action Items

- Consent Agenda approved. Motion by Woods, seconded by Armendariz, unanimous vote. Consent agenda included:
 - Approval of minutes from July 20, 2019 meeting.
 - Approval of Teryl Wessels' resignation.

Discussion Items

- Construction
 - No update.
- Enrollment
 - Retention from '18/19 year is 87%. Currently have 10 students over budgeted amount (866 with a budget of 856), 28 offered positions, and 65 on the waitlist
- Summer facilities update
 - Gym updates have been completed. Will be replacing stair treads at Prep with no-slip treads.
- Personnel update
 - SPED position at UCES has been filled with temporary staff with hopes of becoming permanent. UCPS has hired a third-party custodian company to fill janitorial needs.
- Assessments

- UCES has growth outperforming the state in CMAS Growth Report. District 6 Superintendent Pilch praised UCES for its performance. UCPS high school grade levels are performing at or above state levels. Middle school has relatively poor performance and is planning on using the CMAS information to help identify stagnant practices and implement change. Some concerns were raised about the fact that the elementary performance was increasing but middle school was decreasing. Why can't UCS maintain the level of performance from 5th to 6th grade when retention is 85%+ (suggesting the same students are taking the tests but doing worse)? Mr Fowler informed the board that they are implementing more classroom walkthroughs for observation and objective feedback to try to plan corrective actions.

Reports

- Board
 - Attorney Bill Bethke, from Kutz & Bethke LLC, provided the Board with training on current Charter School governance, laws and policies.
- Departments
 - Administration
 - UCES - Wanted to give a big thanks to Mandy for her hard work and dedication to the school and its students.
 - UCPS - Coaches have been found for middle school volleyball and soccer. Still have a shortage of CDL drivers for buses, so in the process of streamlining routes, etc to cut back on transportation with buses.
 - Financial
 - Audit - Finances are looking good with a preliminary report showing a carryover into the '19/20 school year. Even with the purchase of Shadow Fax, UCS did not have to transfer funds out of reserves. YTD Financials - still early in the year, but looking good.
 - Director
 - Departments
 - IT - Updated phone systems in both schools, upgraded network infrastructure. Several projects in progress.
- Correspondence

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:01 PM.