

Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
Jamie Wood, Secretary
Ron Lamb, Member
Ashleigh Jacks, Member
Jeremy Herndon, Member

Administration in Attendance:

Jemiah Fowler, UCS Executive Director
Dave Warner, UCES Principal
Carrie Leffler, UCPS Principal
Mandy Bailey, UCES Assistant Principal

Members Absent:

Heather Bunyan, President

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Preparatory School on January 8, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Armendariz.

Lessons for the Board

Joni Hicks gave a presentation about the curriculum and activities of Kindergarten.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Arnold, Second by Jacks. Motion passed. Consent agenda included:
 - Approval of December 11, 2021 Minutes
- Approval of staff resignation of Rachel Lewis (UCPS Science). Motion by Arnold, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed.
- Approval of staff contract termination of Susan Dihle (UCPS Math) Motion by Wood, Second by Arnold. Motion passed.
- Approval of Amended budget for 2021-22 including the revised allocation of \$500,000 of reserve spending. Motion by Wood, Second by Arnold. Motion passed. Budget enrollment is amended from 815 students to 725 students. ESSER 2 Funds have been approved for UCES construction. Budget includes \$2.5 million in revenue and expenses for construction projects funded by the D6 bond.

Discussion Items

- Fowler presented a resolution to officially authorize the use of charter bus transportation as needed. There is currently no expected increase in use, but it was recommended by CDE Transportation that this resolution be adopted. Adoption will be an action item in February.

- John-Paul LeChevallier from our auditing firm, Clifton Larson Allen, presented the 2020-21 audited financials and the recommendations. We were issued an unmodified opinion. The auditors recommended some additional review procedures to increase the segregation of duties as well as a monthly accounts payable reconciliation. These procedures have been implemented as well as a monthly meeting between Fowler and the Finance office to review the monthly financial activities.

Board Reports

- Lamb summarized the Board Module, Accountability and Program Assessment. The Board discussed the SAC (School Accountability Committee) requirement.
- Jacks gave an update on the end of year party. It was a nice opportunity for both buildings to come together and celebrate. Nearly 100 people attended.

Administration/Other Reports

- Leffler reviewed the activities at UCPS. Second semester class schedules have been revised to include a Digital Citizenship class for middle school students. The cell phone usage policy is being reviewed by a committee and recommendations will be made to Faculty Council shortly. The school is looking at holding a parent/community screening of the film “Screenager” which presents the struggles of social media and offers solutions on how to help kids navigate the digital world.
- Warner reviewed the activities at UCES. Professional development days were held on December 17 and January 3. Staff has been working on getting a parent group up and running for next year. The hope is that the parent groups at both buildings will work closely together but also have the autonomy to do activities specific to each building. Warner is looking to make this group a parent/teacher group at the elementary school and will discuss that with Faculty Council. Warner discussed commitment to remain in person and UCES has contingency plans in place to deal with possible staff shortages over the coming weeks.
- Bailey gave an update on testing and assessments at the elementary school.

Director’s Report

- Fowler discussed the decision to have a delayed start last week due to inclement weather. The decision was communicated to parents and was appreciated by many parents and teachers. A portion of our teachers live outside Greeley. The Budget Committee will begin work on the 2022-23 budget this month. The construction at the elementary building continues and was delayed a bit over the past few weeks because of snow. The UCPS shade structure will be installed this summer. We are working on closing out the bond for the UCPS building construction. Fowler confirmed the commitment of maintaining in-person instruction.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.