

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
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

Members Absent:

Jamie Wood, Secretary

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary School on February 12, 2022.
Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Lessons for the Board

Wendy Arthur, Leslie Morris and Michelle Nicholas gave a presentation about the exciting things that the second grade team is planning for February 22, 2022.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Herndon, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Consent agenda included: Approval of minutes from January 8th Board meeting
- Approval of 2021/2022 Financial Audit. Motion by Armendariz, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of Transportation Resolution. Motion by Jacks, Second by Herndon. Motion passed, unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Bunyan presented that there will soon be a board position for an Elementary Parent that will need to be filled, due to a current board member term ending. We also talked about what the rules and regulations are when electing or appointing a new Board member as well as the process for the coming months. Bunyan also touched on the differences between elected vs appointed board positions.
- Board was presented and reviewed several policies. Board reviewed with no additional changes, BBA (Board Member Authority and Responsibilities), BBBA (Board Member Qualifications), BCB (Conflict of Interest), IBMA (Alternative Learning Experiences), and IMB-R (Religious Music)

- Policy BC (School board Member Conduct), is a new policy that we need to add to insure best practices for all current and future Board Members.
- Policy IIE (Course Requirement and Retakes), we noted that we were happy to see that the update policy reflects Aim Community College for all concurrent enrollment requirements.
- Policy IML (Safety Practices in the Classroom), discussion on this policy to change the wording to remove “protective eye glasses and clothing” and replace with personal protective equipment.

Board Reports

- Herndon summarized the Board Module, Board Communications.
- Bunyan did discuss the importance of the board getting involved with each school and showing up for important events.

Administration/Other Reports

- Warner reviewed the activities at the UCES. Masks requirement has been removed. Student Council did have a fundraiser for the Marshal Fire victims and raised \$595.98 and the students earned a special reward and three students were able to pie Ms. Bailey in the face. They also held an all school assembly for the first time in two years and the Prep School Choir was able to virtually perform the National Anthem for them. Warner did touch on the most recent testing for select 4th graders and 2nd graders will soon start the GT testing. He also discussed the K-12 PD day and how it was very nice that both schools were able to get together and have some fun. Warner is also getting closer to completing the process for a parent group at the elementary school. Warner also discussed that each student has been recognized for their positive attributes and those notes are posted in the hallway of the elementary school for all students to see.
- Leffler reviewed the activities at the UCPS. Enrollment lottery at the prep school was held and so far 13 new students/families have been signed up for the Fall grades. Efforts have been made to make sure that families understand what our schools have to offer and how graduation is so special, specialized per grade. It was spirit week this past week at the UCPS and it was discussed about how much energy that brings to the school. There was a middle school dance on 2/11 and a high school dance on 2/12. UCPS has started conducting auditions for Matilda The Musical late this spring. Leffler also touched on the importance of the K-12 PD day and how much it meant to the prep school staff. Teams are going to start working on preparing kids for the transition between 5th grade and 6th grade, so that both schools are involved in making that a successful transition. UCPS is also looking into having the seniors go over to the elementary school to walk with their halls in cap and gowns. It was also discussed about having elementary staff at the graduation ceremony with all the staff sitting together, since elementary school children are now graduating.

- Bunyan thanked both principals and their staff for working hard at bringing the two schools together to be one school. It was also asked about how much bullying was happening at each school.

Director

- Fowler discussed that construction at the elementary school is progressing really well and the construction at the Prep school is completed as it is the accounting and closing out of the bond funds. December financials were discussed and the approved amended budget changes have not been added to the budget to date, that should reflect next month. The Budget and Calendar committee has started meeting monthly. These committee members will have their recommendations at the April meeting. The Governance committee has completed their document and has been provided to all staff and will be added to the employee handbook. The committee will continue to meet quarterly or on an as needed basis. Fowler also talked about the consensusL leadership team building and how well that is working and the board should have more information at the March Board meeting as to the common themes.

Executive Session: Personnel and CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) “specifically to discuss goal setting for the executive director”

- Motioned by Arnold and Seconded by Jacks.
 - Opened Executive session at 9:37 am
 - Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.