

Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Jamie Wood, Secretary
Jeremy Herndon, Member
Ron Lamb, Member
Ashleigh Jacks, Member

Administration in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary School on April 9, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Lessons for the Board

Jessica Holton gave a presentation about the Greeley History Unit used in 3rd grade.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Jacks, Second by Bunyan. Motion passed.
Consent agenda included:
 - Approval of March 12, 2022 Minutes
- Following policies were approved as updated: BDB (Board Officer Duties), BBBA (Board Member Qualifications), BEC (Executive Sessions/Open Meetings) and removal of BEC-E, IMA (Teaching Methods-Lesson Plans). Motion by Herndon, Second by Lamb. Motion passed.
- 2022-23 School Calendar was approved. Motion by Bunyan, Second by Jacks. Motion passed.
- Betzy Valdez was certified as the sole candidate for the UCES Parent Elected Board position for the term June 2022-May 2025. Motion by Jacks, Second by Lamb. Motion passed.
- Betzy Valdez was deemed elected for the UCES Parent Elected Board position for the term June 2022-May 2025, as there was only a single candidate. Motion by Jacks. Second by Lamb. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

- Board discussed a revised draft of policy IMB (Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues). UCPS Social Studies teachers provided feedback to the draft. Board was

generally in favor of the revisions. There were some suggestions for wording changes and clarification. Board asked that the policy be revised slightly by Administration and be referred back to Faculty Council.

- Board reviewed proposed changes to policy JEB (Entrance Age Requirements). Proposal is to change the kindergarten enrollment requirement cutoff date from being 5 years old as of July 1 to being 5 years old as of October 1. This will align with the District 6 requirements. Revised policy will be an action item at the May Board Meeting.
- Board reviewed proposed changes to policy GBCG (Staff Sick Leave). Policy is being revised to align with new Colorado laws regarding sick leave. Revised policy will be an action item at the May Board Meeting.
- Board reviewed the preliminary 2022-2023 Budget. Enrollment is budgeted at 688 for K-12 and is based on an estimated 4% increase in PPR. Budget is balanced with no reserve spending.
- Bunyan discussed the process for the Executive Director evaluation. A survey will be sent to staff to gather feedback, Board will then meet to discuss the results, Bunyan will write up evaluation, 2 Board members will meet with Fowler to discuss evaluation and goals.

Board Reports

- Jacks summarized the Board Module 25, Board Officer Responsibilities.

Administration/Other Reports

- Warner reviewed the activities at UCES. PTO is being established at the elementary school - beginning next year there will be monthly meetings. Twice a year the prep and elementary groups will meet jointly. Health clerk has been hired. Interviews are underway for the music teacher and counselor positions. Field day will be open to parents this year. Approximately 130 students will participate in summer school from May 31 to June 23.
- Leffler reviewed the activities at UCPS. 18 students attended the Latina Leadership Conference. Many end of year activities are planned - Dodge Ball Tournament, Senior Carnival, Matilda school play, Awards Night, Prom, and many more. 27 new students have been enrolled for next school year. Health clerk has been hired.

Director's Report

- Fowler gave an update on the construction projects. Elementary library project is on schedule with an estimated completion date of mid July. Phase 1 of the landscape improvement projects will be completed this summer - this includes redesigning the irrigation system on the north end of campus. Board would like to see an open house for the community upon completion this summer.
- Fowler reviewed the current financials. Current financial results are tracking closely with the amended budget.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.