

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
Ashleigh Jacks, Member
Ron Lamb, Member
Betsy Valdez, Member
Jeremy Herndon, Member

Administration in Attendance:

Jemiah Fowler, UCS Executive Director
Dave Warner, UCES Principal

Members Absent: None

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary School on June 11, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Lessons for the Board

There were no lessons for the board.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Armendariz, Second by Lamb. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from May 14th Board meeting
- Policy Review.
 - The following policies were approved as presented:
 - Policy IJNDBA and - R - Use of Motion Pictures in the Classroom.
Motion by Jacks, Seconded by Bunyan. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of 2022 - 2023 Annual Budget, Motion by Armendariz, Seconded by Lamb. Motion passed, unanimously
 - It was also noted that the final budget was approved by Faculty Counsel in the May 2022 meeting with a 6% State per pupil funding increase, rather than 4% as originally noted. There is still a potential for the state to change again.
- Board Officer Positions. The following positions were approved, Motion by Armendariz, Second by Lamb, Motion passed unanimously:
 - Heather Bunyan, President
 - Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
 - Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
 - Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary

Discussion Items

- Policy Review - JS Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications and JS-E Annual Acceptable Use Agreement. It was noted that this policy was updated to have revised updated language and the agreements were moved from two to one document.
- Charter School Capitol Presentation - Fowler gave a presentation regarding the possible partnership with Charter School Capitol and adding their services to help empower Union Colony Schools with the necessary tools and resources to help generate more enrollment in our schools. Charter School Capitol uses various Digital Marketing campaigns, Brand building and Ground game support to help us increase our enrollment. There was a lot of discussion regarding the benefits and potential hurdles regarding the requirements from Charter School Capital. It was discussed that as long as clear expectations were laid out, it should not be too much of an issue. Both Fowler and Warner did agree that it would be worth the time commitment as well as the money, because increasing student enrollment is a must. It was noted that all members of the board do see the value of bringing on Charter School Capitol and even with the cost of the program, it would be worth it. Fowler made sure that the board understood that the funding for this partnership would need to come out of our reserve budget. The Board will vote on this at the July meeting.
- The presentation of board meeting agendas were discussed and how the board would like to see them in the future. It was decided that instead of having the Lessons for the Board, we will instead be having a School Highlights section that will include accomplishments from Students, Staff and Parents. It was also decided that we will add the Pledge of Allegiance to the Board Meetings.
- Board Meetings will also no longer be live streamed. The change will be communicated via our website and all are encouraged to come in person. We will also be changing the locations of the meetings. January - June will be held at the Elementary School and July - December will be held at the Preparatory School, starting with the July 2022 meeting.

Board Reports

- There were not any reports today and Board Modules will resume at the next meeting.

Administration/Other Reports

- Warner provided an update that UES still has three open positions and are actively recruiting for them but proving to be a bit difficult to fill. The Senior walk was a huge success and Warner is hoping to make sure that we can continue to do that. Field day on 5/17 was a huge success with t-shirts for the entire school, dunk tank as well as the fire department water cannon. Warner is working hard on completing the United Improvement Plan (UIP) and working with local District 6 individuals as well as Ms. Bailey. He is continuing to meet with prospective students and making sure that they are a good fit as well as informed about what UCES expects, to provide the most successful partnership. He is working on getting more members of the community in our buildings. United Way is

interested in using the newly built Library for some community events, potentially in the Fall 2022.

Director's Report

- Fowler provided an update on the construction at both schools. The Prep school's field is receiving a new irrigation system and that project should be completed by the end of July. Shade structures continue to be on the forefront but are proving to be a bit difficult to get ordered and received, because of supply change issues. Because of the lost help of the summer landscaper, Fowler has let the board know that we will most likely need the shed at the Preparatory School previously thought to not be necessary. We need someplace to store all the equipment since Mr. Warner, Mr. Nyblade and Mr. Fowler will be doing the landscaping now. Elementary school construction is moving along nicely and the roof units have been delivered and will be installed soon. If the garage doors can be shipped soon the project should be completed in time. Board members and Administration are all wanting some type of a community event to show off the new space but all agree that it will need to be completed and stocked with books before that is scheduled. Hopefully sometime in September 2022.
- Fowler also discussed the financials through April 2022. We should be at about 83 percent of our budget and we are sitting at 83.3 percent of budget. We also talked about a few budget items that might come in high, such as gas for the bus. Fowler did discuss that with the cost of diesel fuel, there have been some pretty big changes to the bus schedule for next school year, hoping to save both time and money.
- Fowler did discuss that ABC has expressed interest in a preschool at the UCES for starting Fall of 2022, possibly two classrooms. Warner did confirm that the UCES would be able to provide two classrooms at little cost to the school. There are some final approvals as well as a fence to be built around the playground. If all can come together, this will be a direct feeder for our Kindergarten programs. He also noted that he has put up UCS banners in the parking lot and window coverings are going to be installed soon.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.