

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2023

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary
Jeremy Herndon, Member
Betzy Valdez, Member
Ron Lamb, Member

Administration in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Kristin Arnold, Treasurer
Eric Dudley, UCPS AP/AAD
Mandy Bailey, UCES Assistant Principal

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary School on April 8, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about the students that went to Estes Park for Key Club and they were one of the only schools recognized for the Distinguished Club Award because of the number of hours of volunteering they completed. The board also heard a presentation from Senior Chloe Kummerfield on her thesis Eco-Friendly Festivals.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Herdon, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from March 11, 2023 Board Meeting
- Approval of Policies. Motion by Herdon, Second by Valdez. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - DB - Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting
 - JLC - Student Health Services
 - JLCE - First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
- Approval of Personal- Resignations. Motion by Jacks, Second by Valdez. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Angie Emmons - K- 12 Finance

- Shelley Coleman - Preparatory ELA
- Tom Stokovaz - Preparatory Technology
- Nellie Slowiak - Elementary Support
- Lynne Post - Elementary Teacher

Discussion Items

- Policy Review:
 - GBEBA - Staff Dress Code -
 - It was discussed that this policy needs further clarification on what is acceptable for staff dress code. The current policy does not give specifics and this revision will help further the communication of the school motto “Excellence in Education” and will meet our schools goal to have similar standards to other area schools. There was also further discussion as if this was a policy for the board to vote on or faculty council to vote on. Ultimately it was decided that this is not a faculty council vote because of the completed governance document.
 - JICA & JICA-E - Student Dress Code -
 - It was discussed that the student dress code needs further clarification and amending because currently it is very vague and the ultimate goal is to meet or exceed surrounding schools expectations. There was a lot of discussion as it pertains to what a change like this would mean for our families as it relates to the financial and student count impact. The board also discussed that the K-7 standards are different from the 8-12.
- Board of Director Seat Opening:
 - It was discussed that we currently have two individuals that have expressed interest in the board position. This will now go to the parents of the preparatory school for a vote, per the bylaws.

Reports

- Board:
 - There was no board module presented, this will resume in May’s meeting.
- Administration/Principals:
 - Elementary- Warner reported on all the activities that are happening at the Elementary school. He also spoke about the safety measures that are available to the teachers via their cell phones and direct contact with 911. A program called LifeSpot. He also talked about how each room now has emergency situation procedures in each room.
 - Preparatory- Leffler reported on all the activities and events that are happening at the preparatory school. She also mentioned that there they had 2 students that

went to the District 6 board meeting and got to present about Union Colony. She also talked about how the SAC committee is working on changing some titles of honors classes next year and working on next year's bell schedule. Leffler has also enrolled 23 students for the fall semester.

- Departments:
 - Assistant Principal/Activities/Athletic Director - There was no report.
 - Assistant Principal - There was no report.
- Director
 - Fowler did not present a report.

Communications to the Board

- There was not any provided.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.