

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2023

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary
Kristin Arnold, Treasurer
Ron Lamb, Member
Betzy Valdez, Member

Administration in Attendance:

Jemiah Fowler, UCS Executive Director
Dave Warner, UCES Principal
Carrie Leffler, UCPS Principal
Mandy Bailey, UCES Assistant Principal
Eric Dudley, UCPS AP/AAD

Members Absent:

Jeremy Herndon, Member

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary School on January 14, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about Scarlet Straley regarding her achievements for Excellence in Education and her contributions to Union Colony Elementary for being a good student and her achievements outside of the school in music and playing the cello. The board also heard about the fall ceramics students and their accomplishments on creating their artist website. They are Ryan Baldwin, Sophia Rangel, Brandy Nguyen, Angel Villanueva and Alahna McGuire.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Arnold, Second by Valdez. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from December 10, 2022 Board Meeting
- Amended Budget for 2022/2023 to include funding for 684 students from October count finalization. There has been additional revenue and expenses that need to be accounted for. There is also 84K in reserves because of the Capitol School Charter and 1% budget coverage ratio. Motion by Armendariz, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of Policies. Motion by Jacks, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - BGC - Policy Revision and Review
 - BGF- Suspension of Policy
 - BH - Board Communications

Discussion Items

- Policy Review:
 - IKA - Grading/Assessment Systems Board Communications
 - IKA-R - Grading/Assessment System Exemption Procedure and Information to Parents/Guardian
 - JLF - Child Abuse Reporting
 - Fowler recommends that we revise IKA to address more recent and newer statutes on state assessments as well as add IKA-R to provide information for parents/guardians to opt out of state assessments. JLF needs to be updated since all individuals that work with children are mandatory reporters and will be provided annual training.
- The board also talked about the upcoming board member vacancy and what that process will entail to fill that position. Communication will go out before February 15th.

Reports

- Board:
 - Arnold reported on the Board Module number 13, Pitfalls to avoid.
- Administration/Principals:
 - Elementary- Warner reported school was let out on December 15, 2022 and the teachers received some additional time to finish the semester work and get final assignments graded. Art, Music and PE will resume intramurals for 3-5 graders soon. There was a school improvement day on January 3, 2023 and staff received some training on the promethean boards. Warner also provided an update on the work that they are doing to get the preschoolers to apply for the kindergarten spots. The annual Lottery will be held on January 25th and there will be a preschool parent night on January 19. Evans Rec Center is still using the gym. Warner told the board that they have given away close to 300 boxes of diapers to community members as well as UCES families. There will be a school wide spring Campfire Music sing along and families will be invited to bring blankets and chairs and it will be held in the grass area at UCES.
 - Preparatory- Leffler reported the semester ended with a cookie social with a lot of cookies. They used their school improvement day on January 3 to educate the staff on vaping and are working with the Department of Health to get an educational night scheduled for the parents. Leffler also noted that they have reassigned some of the classes/duties due to the recent resignation. The skate night that was held on January 13 had about 90-100 students. All City Band is coming up and there are several students that have tried out and made the All City Band. She also reported that they are trying to figure out a way to possibly have an honor roll for the UCPS students. She reported that about 38% of the students have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Departments:
 - Assistant Principal/Activities/Athletic Director - Dudley provided an update on the activities for the Preparatory school. Athletics is going well with Middle School Volleyball and High School Basketball seasons underway. He also stated that Elementary night at the Preparatory school will be February 10 and Senior night will be February 14, 2023. He said that he is still working with CHASA on Esports and Flag Football.
 - Assistant Principal - Bailey provided an update on the WEDA testing that is going on for all students at the Elementary school.
- Director
 - Fowler reported that the annual public lottery will be held on January 25 and also reported on that process from interest forms to enrollment. He also stated that Charter School Capital is updating the website as well as posting blog posts. He also stated that on the next school improvement day on February 6, there will be a K-12 chili cook off. The calendar committee has been meeting and there will be a parent forum on January 21 to get parent input on the potential calendar changes.
 - Fowler also reported on the financials. Through November 2022 we should have about 42% of the budget completed and with the amended budget approval we should end the year in a little bit of a surplus.

Communications to the Board

- There was not any provided.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 am.