

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristine Arnold, Treasurer
Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary
Ron Lamb, Member
Jeremy Herndon, Member

Administration in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Heather Bunyan, President
Betzy Valdez, Member
Carrie Leffler, UCPS Principal

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Preparatory School on November 12, 2022.
Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Armendariz.

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about Javier Palacios regarding his achievements for Excellence in Education and his contributions to Union Colony Elementary for Demonstrating Good Character.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Lamb, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from October 10, 2022 Board meeting
- Approval of Policies. Motion by Jacks, Second by Lamb. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - IHCDCA with regulations and exhibits, Post Secondary Options
 - JBB: Sexual Harrassment
- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Motion by Arnold, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - The board was informed of the both Elementary and Preparatory Schools UIP's.

Discussion Items

- Enrollment:
 - Fowler provided an update on the final numbers from the October count. Our funding will be based on 684 students, which is less than our original budget of 688, but totally manageable.
 - Fowler also provided an update on the Charter School Capital and how that process is going. Charter Capital is currently working on getting our social media accounts combined and functioning as business accounts. Fowler is also working the story arc, which will provide the overall guidance to Charter Capital for their master plan.
- Policy Review:
 - BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - BEDH-R -Regulation
 - BEDH - E - Exhibit
 - Fowler provided updates on how this policy needs to be revised to reflect clarity regarding the process of public participation in board meetings.

Reports

- Board:
 - Lamb reported on the Board Module 07, Strategic Planning
- Administration/Principals:
 - Elementary- Warner gave an update on the Elementary school. Warner stated that Parent Teacher conferences were successful and had a lot of parent involvement. The elementary school will be holding a warm clothing drive until 12/7 and is being headed by the Student Council. The 5th graders went to Young Ameritowne on 11/9 and worked really hard on the lessons prior to going. They elected officials and learned valuable lessons on money management, business enterprise system, resume writing and how to run a town for a day. Warner also stated that our Texas Roadhouse fundraiser made around \$200 for the school and there is another one coming up at Freddie's. Warner hosted the October principal luncheon for the students that have earned tickets for good behavior. Warner has also partnered with Love on a Lease, which brings therapy dogs into the school. Dottie and her human owner will be visiting the school as much as they can make it happen, keeping the student allergies in mind. Warner also provided an apple nacho bar for his staff to let them know that they appreciated and had some time together. Warner also reported on their veteran celebration on 11/11 and recognized not only community members but also staff. He also stated that afterschool programs are running well and have good participation from the 3-5 graders. Basketball will be starting soon.
 - Preparatory- There was no report due to the absence of Leffler.

- Fowler reported that the calendar committee is continuing to meet and working to have a draft to the board by February 2023 for hopefully approval in the March 2023 meeting. He also stated that the budget committee is working on looking at the budget with the final october count and seeing what adjustments, if any, need to be made. Fowler also noted that construction at the elementary school is almost completed. He indicated that the permitting process for the new sign is taking longer than anticipated, but once approved should move forward pretty quickly. Fowler also noted that starting in January Board meetings will be held at the elementary school until June. He also noted that the mill levy passed with a pretty favorable vote.
- Departments:
 - Assistant Principal - Bailey provided an update that mid year testing will start soon with Dibels and NEWA. She also noted that there is some therapy Ginea pigs in 5th grade and the 5th grade team is continuing to work with the prep school for preparing 5th graders middle school.
 - Assistant Principal/Activities/Athletic Director - Dudley provided an update on the activities for the prep school. He is going to try to have another elementary school night for the upcoming basketball season. Dudley stated that we now have a mascot at the school and it has provided a lot of fun with team spirit as well as trying to figure out who the mascot is. He also stated that flag football for middle school will be starting in the spring. It will be coed and middle schoolers have already been asking about it. He also stated that the prep school is in early talks with Esports to bring this program to the school.
 - Communications to the Board
 - There was not any provided.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.