

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022

Members In Attendance:

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

Administration in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Heather Bunyan, President
Eric Dudley, UCPS AP/AAD

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

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about Rachel Salmeron Ventura, Nga Meh, Lexi Salinetti and Angelo Salinetti regarding their achievements for Excellence in Education and their contributions to Union Colony Schools.

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 Jacks. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from September 10, 2022 Board meeting
- Approval of Policies. Motion by Herndon, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - GBEA: Conflict of Interest
- Mill Levy Override Resolution. Motion by Jacks, Second by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously
- Personnel: Acceptance of Resignations. Motion by Arnold, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Elementary Library Media Specialist, Caroline Wicks

Discussion Items

- Enrollment:
 - Fowler provided an update on student numbers as of October 7, 2022. We are currently at 325 at the Elementary School and 362 at the Preparatory School, totaling 687. Our budget was set for 688, with about some wiggle room for about 18 per pupil funding.
- Policy Review:
 - Faculty Council Review
 - IHCD-R: Post Secondary Options and JBB: Sexual Harrassment. These two policies will be reviewed again by both Faculty Council's and then will be brought to the board next month.

Reports

- Board:
 - Armendariz reported on the Board Module 28, Fund Development Resources
- Administration/Principals:
 - Elementary- Warner gave an update on the Elementary school. He stated that the Diaper program's first delivery was a huge success, they handed out 75 packages of diapers. It was decided that they would open this program to community members, instead of just families of the school. Warner also touched on the fact that he is still working with High Plains to get a community computing 101 scheduled. The Evans Rec center is still using the gym for some of their activities. The PTO Fall Carnival is scheduled for October 28, 2022. He stated that they had two anonymous donors that helped start the PTO Fund, totalling \$2,500. This will be used to help with upfront costs. Warner also stated that he is working to get the Library Media Specialist position filled, hopefully that will soon. He also stated that they made some security updates on the windows in the doors to help improve safety. The window clings are the ones that you can see out of but not see in. The SRO officer said that the Elementary School is leading the pack in safety and security.
 - Preparatory- Leffler gave an update on the Preparatory School. She said that the 7 mindset curriculum is working with the students and they are hoping that it will help the students with some positive mindset. She also stated that she and Mrs. Wagner met with Tobacco Cessation program facilitators and they have decided that this will be offered to all 6-12 grade students in the students Science class. She also stated that the Spanish 3 students did go on a field trip to a llama farm to see how animals from Peru do in our climate and how their products are used. She also stated that the Choir and Band concerts were a huge success. Homecoming was a lot of fun for students, dressing up and taking part in festivities. The dance is October 8, 2022. Leffler also spoke about how the Preparatory school used the extra early release day to send out positive affirmations to parents about their

children. It was very well received and they are going to try to continue sending notes to parents regarding their students.

- Director:
 - Fowler reported that the calendar committee is looking into all options for the next school year calendar. They are hoping to have a calendar approved in February 2023 then ultimately works towards the possibility of having a 3 year calendar.
 - Fowler also provided an update on the budget as of August 31, 2022. He reported that most expenses and revenues are tracking right where they should be. He also talked about how the budget committee will be meeting soon to see if there will be any need to do some budget amendments.
- Departments:
 - Assistant Principal - Bailey gave an update on the Untied Improvement Plan and how they are using data from multiple sources to figure out where improvements can be made. It was noted that the key focus areas are going to be all students ELA and Math and attendance in school. They have identified the root causes being expressive skills, number sense, vocabulary and reading comprehension, COVID protocols and student and family engagement. As part of the UIP, the staff will be working on increasing average daily attendance, transition to standards based grading, improvement of ELA transition, math Instruction and additional instructional coaching for the staff.
 - Assistant Principal/ Activities/Athletic Director - Leffler provided the Activities update for Mr. Dudley. She reported that the Elementary School night was fun and some families were able to join. The middle school boys soccer had a good season ending with a record of 5-3. The High School Boys soccer and High School girls volleyball had decent seasons and also had the highest participation that they had seen in a while.
- Communications to the Board
 - There was not any provided.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am.