

Union Colony Schools Board Meeting Minutes
8/19/2020

Members in Attendance

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
Jamie Wood, Secretary
Matt Walsh, Member
Sarah Mitchell, Member

Administration

Jim Anderson, Director
Alycia Burns, UCPS Principal
Dave Warner, UCES Principal
Jemiah Fowler, UCPS AP

Members Absent:

Tim Marquart, Member

The Board meeting was held at Union Colony Preparatory School on August 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Addition to Agenda

- Ms. Wood requested the addition of “Approval of minutes from the July 29, 2020 special meeting” to the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Ms. Mitchell, Second by Ms. Armendariz, motion passed. Consent Agenda included:
 - Approval of minutes from July 15, 2020 and July 29, 2020 meetings
 - Approval of resignations from Donna Micheaux and Carly Neumann
- Approval of 08.19.20.01 Resolution regarding attendance requirements. Motion by Ms. Armendariz, Second by Mr. Walsh. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

- Ms. Bunyan gave an overview of the Colorado and Weld County coronavirus data. Data is accessible to the public on the Weld County and CDPHE websites. Weld County’s positivity rate is 4.24% and Colorado’s positivity rate has been below 3% for the past five days. Cases in the state have declined for the past three weeks, with today’s 3-day average count for the state at 204, and Weld County reporting 17 cases. There are no hospital capacity issues in the state and 23 people are in the hospital with COVID-19 in Weld County.
- Jeff Reed reviewed the construction schedule. Roche Construction did not attend the meeting. Project is scheduled to be completed by September 15th - items still in progress are blacktop, irrigation and landscaping, shade structure, fencing, and some work on the old building.

- Building Principals reviewed the COVID-19 re-entry plans. Staff has been working hard to prepare buildings for students.
 - Elementary school staggered start begins tomorrow. Half the students will attend Thursday, half of Friday to acquaint the students with new procedures and expectations. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom. Safety and providing a strong education are top priorities.
 - All students will start at the prep school tomorrow. Sixth grade orientation was today with 76 sixth graders attending. “Senior Sunrise” was this morning and students really enjoyed seeing each other.
- Jim Nyblade gave an overview of the preparation that has been done at the buildings and gave an overview of the cleaning and disinfecting procedures that will begin tomorrow.
- Tom Stokovaz gave an overview of the preparation that has been done related to technology. Chromebooks are on back order and he is monitoring closely to see when we can expect delivery. Staff has the technology and training needed to transition to distance learning if necessary.
- Enrollment Updates – Mr. Anderson provided the latest enrollment numbers – 390 students at UCES and 406 students at UCPS. This is short of the budget by 36 students, however, there is likely to be a lot of movement and changes prior to the count day of October 1st. Any shortfall in enrollment impacts the budget, so Mr. Anderson will be monitoring the numbers closely and will keep the Board informed.
- Personnel Update –With the resignation of the orchestra/choir teacher last week, the UCPS Faculty Council has decided for the 20-21 school year to replace that position with a full-time substitute teacher who will be available as teachers are out for various reasons, including illness. Students that were in orchestra or choir will be reassigned to art or band. Orchestra and choir will be added back in the 21-22 school year when the guidelines on musical instruction are less restrictive.

Reports

- The Board will begin alternating meeting sites between UCPS and UCES every other meeting. Next Board meeting will be at the elementary.
- The following policies were reviewed with no changes: IMB, IMB-R, IMBA, and IML.
- Policy IMBD (Flag Display) was referred back to Faculty Council for revision.
- Mr. Anderson reviewed the 19-20 Financials and the July 2020 Financials. Mr. Anderson reviewed the use of COVID funds which include a large portion for technology.

Executive Session

- Motion to move into Executive Session for personnel matters under section 24-6-402(4)(f) made by Ms. Wood, Second by Mr. Walsh. Motion passed. Board entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm. Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:58pm and returned to the public meeting.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next UCS Board Meeting will be 9/19/2020 at 9:00am at UCES