

University Schools Board of Governors January 14, 2009 Minutes

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Julie Fraser, Ryan Mayeda, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern, Kate Ehrman, Ron Eberhard,
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Ronni Barker, Amanda Haas, Carol Riggs

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:31. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A motion was made by Chuck (Dick) to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Ryan (Chuck) to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008, meeting. Motion passed.

Calendar 2009-2010:

- Amanda Haas presented the proposed calendar for the 2009-2010 academic year. The proposed calendar includes two additional contact days for middle school (compared to this year) and one additional day for the elementary school.
- A motion to adopt the proposed was made by Tony (Chuck). Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry distributed the proposal for usage of the baseball field by the Greeley Grays. The Board agreed to allow the Joint Use committee to continue the negotiations.
- Information on the admission lottery was distributed.
- Copies of the new promotional brochure were distributed. It will be mailed, along with a cover letter, to every 8th grader in the district.
- Sherry reported that the floor of the Auxiliary Gym buckled. Damages were estimated by the insurance company at \$85,000 (less \$1,000 deductible).
- Sherry reported that one of the busses would not turn off last night at the girls basketball game. It is now at Agland for repairs.
- Sherry distributed a letter from the Colorado League of Charter Schools announcing that Governor Ritter has proposed cutting the Charter School Capital Construction Funds in half to \$5 million. The impact on our budget would be about \$100,000.
- Sherry distributed a letter to the Board regarding renewal of her contract.

Middle School Principal's Report:

- No report

High School Principal's Report:

- Holly reported that they are already working on the scheduling process for next year. There are several new classes in the catalogue this year, including a developmental reading class for students needing remediation, and advanced word power class, and a new PE class called Adventure Education. Also, Forensics and Human Anatomy have been expanded to two semester classes.
- Holly reported that conferences and midterms are currently underway.

- Holly reported that the CSAP testing schedule will be dramatically different this year. In an effort to increase the number of students taking the tests, all requests for opt out will go through Sherry. A blended testing schedule will also be utilized this year. There will be one test given per day, instead of 4 consecutive days of chaos as in the past. There will be a 75 minute delayed start for those not taking the tests. The tests will thus be spread out over 12 days, with three of those days being before Spring Break.

Business Manager Report:

- The financial report dated December 31, 2008 was distributed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
 - Resignations:
 - Craig Stalker – HS American Sign Language teacher effective immediately
 - Retirement
 - Colleen Callahan – MS Social Studies teacher
- A motion was made by Ryan (Chuck) to approve the changes. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Class fee changes:

- A list of class fee changes was presented.
- A motion was made by Bryan (Chuck) to approve the changes. Motion passed.

Amended Budget:

- Sherry and Ronni presented the amended budget for the 2008 – 2009 school. The changes were necessitated by the auditor's recommendations and the decreased enrollment.
- The new budget shows 1015 students, even though our October 1 count was 1017. Despite repeated phone calls, Dist 6 has not notified Ronni why they didn't give us credit for the other two students.
- A motion was made by Julie (Bryan) to approve the budget as amended. Motion passed.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated December 31, 2008 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated December 31, 2008 was distributed.
- Ed reported that Devin Moses' wife (who is an accountant) has agreed to do an informal audit for USPTO.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

- Ron suggested having the annual BOG photo taken at the next meeting. He will make arrangement with a photographer.

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that enrollment is currently 50. This provides enough income to meet payroll, but not other expenses. They are having to dip into reserves to pay the lease.
- A copy of the January newsletter was distributed.

Foundation Report:

- Dick reported that there have been some additions to the BOG Fund.

Joint Use Committee:

- A copy of the minutes of the October 22 Joint Use Committee meeting was distributed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by Bryan (Dick) to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Dick (Ryan) to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be February 11, 2009 at 6:30pm in the library.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ryan (Dick) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:44.