

**University Schools
Board of Governors
February 11, 2009
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Tom Roche, Dick Bond, Eric Carlson, Julie Fraser, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern, Kate Ehrman, Ron Eberhard, David Sanchez
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ronni Barker

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:38. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- There were two additions to the agenda: A proposed change to the bylaws and a copy machine proposal.
- A motion was made by Chuck (Bryan) to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Dick (Chuck) to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009, meeting. Motion passed.

CSAP Awards

- The Board presented awards to students who earned "Advanced" on all of their CSAP tests last spring. Honored were: Isabelle Anderson, Luke Kolanz, Jack Fraser, Dalton Morrow, Rachel Myers, Svetlana Zwetkof, Tyler Talty, Renata Diaz, Jorey Jiricek, Sydney Otto and Millie Schreibman.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported that staff estimated that there were approximately 200 people in attendance at the open house. We received 15 applications that night, with another 20 or so additional arriving in the next few days.
- Sherry reported that the second round of the lottery was held on February 5. She distributed a report detailing the drawing.
- Sherry reported that she continues to meet regularly with Mary Meersman (Frontier Principal) and Pat Gilliam (Union Colony Principal). Mary's meeting with Wayne Eads is scheduled for early February, and Sherry expects to hear results soon. Frontier is proposing to run their own SPED, rather than paying Dist 6 for those services, but Mary doesn't believe that Dist 6 will approve their proposal.
- Sherry reported that CSAP testing begins next week with 3rd grade reading, and that testing will continue until after Spring Break.

Middle School Principal's Report:

- Paul reported that he attended CSAP Administrators training and then he trained our staff. He does not anticipate any problems with the testing.
- Paul reported that the Middle School hosted the Northern Plains League Spelling Bee last week. Although the format was different than in years past, it was still successful. The top ten finalists from University were: John Kohl, Jon Ewert, Sophia Softas-Nall, Cassie Olmsted, Madison Widener, Reno Widener, Rebekah Dinnebeck, Dalton Morrow, Brendan Azama and Hawken Carlton. Brendan Azama will represent University at the State Spelling Bee on March 14.

High School Principal's Report:

- No Report

Business Manager Report:

- The financial report dated January 31, 2009 was distributed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
Recommendations for Hire:
 - Kylan Kottenstette – Assistant MS Wrestling Coach
 - David Mauler – Assistant Baseball Coach
 - Reece Towle – Assistant MS & HS Track Coach
 - Amber Holdefer – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach
- A motion was made by Bryan (Chuck) to approve the changes. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2009-2010 Budget Committee:

- Sherry asked for volunteers to sit on the Budget Committee for 2009-2010. Ryan, Tony and Ron were appointed to the committee.

BOG Election Update:

- A list of dates related to the annual BOG election was distributed.

Amended Budget:

- Sherry presented proposed budget cuts due to the anticipated rescission of Colorado capital Construction funds. The cuts were presented in two levels. Level one is if the impact to the state budget is \$2.5 million (as has been currently announced) which will have a \$53,000 impact on the University budget. Level two is if the impact to the state budget is \$5 million (as is anticipated) which will have a \$106,000 impact on the University budget.
- A proposal for copy machines was presented by Sherry and Ronni. The proposal would result in an annual savings of \$3661.60, and is part of the proposed budget cuts.
- A motion was made by Chuck (Eric) to approve the copy machine proposal. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Chuck (Eric) to approve the budget cut strategy currently being pursued. Motion passed.

By Laws Change:

- Eric proposed changing the by-laws section 3.02 to allow for board discretion in the event of unusual circumstances. The proposal will be considered at the March meeting.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated January 31, 2009 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated January 31, 2009 was distributed.
- Ed reported that he has seen at least 12 grant requests for the spring cycle of funding. Proposals are due on Friday.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

- Ed distributed a draft of the proposed Senior Project packet with new revisions. A committee of HS faculty worked on the updates, which are designed to create greater accountability in the

process. The proposal includes several deadlines, and closed many loopholes students were exploiting to make the projects easier.

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that enrollment is still approximately 50. This provides enough income to meet payroll, but not other expenses. They are having to dip into reserves to pay the lease.
- Minutes of the January 21, 2009 ECU Board meeting were distributed.

Foundation Report:

- No report.

Joint Use Committee:

- A copy of the minutes of the December 10, 2008 Joint Use Committee meeting was distributed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Chuck (Eric) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.