

**University Schools  
Board of Governors  
February 16, 2005  
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Ron Eberhard, Bryan VanDriel, Suzanne Forney, Dick Bond,  
David Sanchez, Tom Roche, Mike Taber, Kristen Anderson  
Staff Present: Greg Pierson, Steve Ramsey, Don Hurt, Stephanie Martin, Amy  
Elliott, Erika Miller, Laurie Anders, Doug Wurst, Sandy Abernathy,  
Deb Schaueremann, Catherine Olmsted, Bonnie Call  
Guests Present: Linda Fry, Charles Olmsted

- Ron called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Presentation:

- Jane Weber noted that last week was National School Counselor Week, and in recognition of that, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Board.

Public Hearing:

- Doug Wurst presented a warning about remaining different from other schools so we remain unique. He sees a general trend away from progressive education and towards mainstream education. He asked us to keep this in mind in the looping discussion, and presented research in support of multi-age classrooms.
- Catherine Olmsted read a letter to the Board in support of continued progressive education in general and specifically asked the Board to continue the multi-age classrooms.
- Charles Olmsted encouraged the Board to maintain the multi-age classrooms.
- Don Hurt spoke in support of the teachers offering the looping presentation.
- Deb Schaueremann spoke in favor of looping and noted that multi-age classrooms are very difficult to teach and not contrary to our charter.
- Bonnie Call spoke in support of the looping proposal.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by David (Suzanne) to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2005 meeting. Motion passed.

Co-Chairs Report:

- Ron reported that he and Tom would be putting together an evaluation program for our athletic coaches.
- Tom had nothing new to report regarding the early childhood development and education committee.
- Tom asked Bryan to make notes regarding clarification of the By Laws.

Elementary Looping Proposal:

- Greg introduced Stephanie Martin, Laurie Anders, Erika Miller and Amy Elliott, and indicated that they had come to him to inquire about the possibility of starting a looping program in the elementary school. He asked them to prepare a proposal for the Board.
- After the presentation, they entertained questions from the Board.
- The proposal was tabled for discussion at a later work session.

Booster Club Report:

- Linda Fry reported that the volunteer of the year award was presented to Carolyn Garroutte.

- Linda presented a financial report through February 7, 2005.

#### ECU Board Report:

- Mike requested that the Board start discussing new lease terms.

#### Joint Usage Committee Report:

- Ron reported that the group met and had a productive meeting, especially agreeing on the need for increased communication.
- The group also agreed that the primary needs for the facilities are improved lighting between University Schools and the auditorium, as well as additional fencing to prevent property damage.

#### Tabled Item – Proposal from Louisa Warfield regarding payment for coursework:

- This item was again tabled for discussion at a later work session.

#### Policy Committee:

- Greg presented a revised copy of the Retention Policy for Elementary Grades. A motion was made by Suzanne (Dick) to accept the proposed Policy. Motion passed

#### Financial Report:

- Greg distributed the financial report from Cole and Crosier as of January 31, 2005.
- Greg presented a proposal from Cole and Crosier to provide accounting services for a 2-year period ending June 30, 2007. A motion was made by Mike (David) to approve the proposal. Motion passed.
- Greg presented a proposal from Anderson and Whitney to serve as our auditor for the 2004-05 fiscal year. David noted the necessity of changing auditors every few years, and suggested that we change after this year. A motion was made by Mike (Dick) to accept the proposal. Motion passed.
- Greg distributed financial reports from the Shared Facilities and the Foundation.

#### Director's Report:

- Greg distributed a copy of the job description for the Business Manager position. After changing the proposed salary to provide greater hiring flexibility, a motion was made by Suzanne (Mike) to approve the job description. Motion passed.
- Greg presented several possible options for Access for next year, and reported that he has not yet presented it to faculty, because he wanted input from the Board first. The Board expressed concern over the shortened lunch period. Greg will continue to work on the proposal.
- Greg reported that after the softball meeting, only 3 girls had expressed an interest in playing, so the idea will be dropped for now.
- Greg presented information on the equipment required for the upcoming track season. He suggested the possibility of a Track Fee Assessment for the coming season. The Board discussed options of obtaining used equipment from UNC, but took no formal action.
- Greg distributed the Adequate Yearly Progress letters as informational items.
- Greg reported that Wayne Eads, Dist 6 Support Services Director had reported on the lack of availability of portable classrooms.
- Greg reported that the art department has a couple of surplus potters wheels, and has received an offer to purchase one. He will check with Cyndy and Eric about the legal options for disposing of school property.
- Greg reported that an expulsion hearing was held earlier today and a student was expelled for striking a teacher. The student was a DHHP student, and Dist 6 handled the hearing, so no action was required by the Board.

Future Meetings:

- The March meetings of the Board will be Wednesday, March 2 and March 23, both at 6:00pm. Board members should plan on scheduling a future work during the March 2 meeting.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by David (Mike) to adjourn. Motion passed.