

**University Schools  
Board of Governors  
Special Meeting  
April 18, 2005  
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Tom Roche, Bryan VanDriel, Eric Carlson, Gayle Adams, Cyndy Giauque, Dick Bond, Ron Eberhard  
Staff Present: Greg Pierson, Steve Ramsey  
Frontier Board Present: Bill Fisher, John Rattle, Lori Bothwell, Eric Umholtz  
Frontier Staff Present: Kim Knudson

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

**Bond Election vs. Mill Levy Override vote:**

Tom gave the board members an overview of the meeting he and Greg had with Tony Pariso and Cheryl Wangeman from District 6 regarding a bond election or mill levy override election. He reported that Tony wants us to wait 3-4 years until the next Dist 6 Bond issue and tie in with that. The makeup of the Dist 6 Board is in question because 3 members are term limited, another is up for re-election, and one is moving away. Tom suggested that if we want to proceed, he and Greg should meet with Mark Wallace and Tin Johnston (President and Vice President of the District 6 Board to gauge their level of support for the mill levy override vote.

- John Rattle indicated that Frontier has now enrolled 940 kids for next year compared with 830 this year. He doesn't believe that Dist 6 will be sympathetic or supportive at this time because of the higher enrollment numbers.
- Tom responded that there are benefits to District 6 as well, primarily that both schools can decrease size by attrition if we are not forced to enroll more students to balance our budgets. This will equate to smaller PPOR payments to the schools from the District.
- Dick pointed out that Envision will also be doing a mill levy increase this fall.
- Tom indicated that although the final number has not been worked out, it will probably be approximately \$3 per month per home on a home valued at \$150,000.
- Tom expressed his belief that this fall is the perfect time to put this on the ballot because there are no national offices up for election and nothing locally controversial, so a relatively small number of votes will be needed to pass the increase. He estimated that at the most, only 15,000 people will vote, meaning that we need only 7,500 votes to pass.
- Dick suggested that our proposal to Dist 6 should start with the amount needed to pay both our annual bond payments – approximately \$2.8 million per year for 28 years.
- The proposal to Dist 6 will also include the action that we will need to take if the mill levy override does not pass, primarily increased enrollment, further siphoning funds from the District.

District 6 General Election:

- The Boards discussed the necessity of finding qualified candidates for the openings on the District 6 Board who are friendly to the needs of Charter Schools. Several names were mentioned as possibilities.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.