

**University Schools
Board of Governors
April 18 2007
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Eric Carlsen
Ron Eberhard, Joe O'Farrell, Chuck Olmsted, Tom Roche,
David Sanchez

Staff Present: Ronni Barker, Dr. Sherry Gerner, Paul Kirkpatrick, Holly Sample

- Ron called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Kristen Anderson was Acting Secretary in Bryan VanDriel's absence

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Chuck (Dick) to approve the minutes of the March 21 meeting. Approved
A motion was made by Chuck (Dick) to approve the minutes for the April 11 special meeting. Approved, pending removal of extra "2007" in date line and the addition of David Sanchez to 'Members Present'.

Community Dialogue

- No community members present

Staff Report

Director's Update:

- The Greeley Greys have agreed to the previously discussed contract and will pay \$5600 to Joint Use for the use of the baseball fields. We are still waiting for the agreed upon \$5000 deposit
- Next week Sherry and 3 faculty members will participate in a Better school/community banquet. Dr. Bond was instrumental in facilitating this.
- The last PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for April 26. Mr. Ed Clark will give a technology safety presentation to the group.
- Security staff Ed Clark will also be working for Frontier Academy on their campus, in addition to the 25 hours weekly he will be with us.
- The Joint Use committee approved a bid from Rainway for grounds maintenance.
- They also received confirmation of the increase in Auditorium rental rates. The church is currently renting the auditorium at \$1000 per month, but will pay \$2000 per month as of July 2007.

- Sherry presented a note from Tonya Van Beber thanking the BOG for approving the Activities Director position.
- She also presented a letter of thanks from Michael Muskin, with the United Way, Commending UH students Kyle Dinner, Joe O'Farrell and Michael Shirazzi for their great job on Weld County's Youth Campaign and Youth Committee.
- UH Key Club received the following awards at the District convention in Lakewood, March 23-25:
 - Pres. Katie Carlsen accepted awards to the club for contributions to Children of Peace and UNICEF. They took 2nd place in Single Service Project for Red Ribbon Week. Vinnie Ybarra, Rachael Childs and Joseph Shoemaker took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, respectively, in the Oratory contest.
- Sherry also presented a schedule of end of the year events for our senior class.

Principals' Update:

- Middle School "Move Up Day" will be May 7. 5th and 6th graders will be meeting middle school teachers and be introduced to Middle School. Nurse Jane will be administering Math placement tests, as well.
- Paul shared his appreciation for Tonya Van Beber's work with the 8th grade Charter School field trip to the State Capital and the legislature. Students were able to visit the floor and meet with legislators.
- Tonya Van Beber has also done excellent work with the M.S. Brain Bowl team.
- Several U.Schools' students were recognized in the Art News (from Mrs. Carver) including 8th grader Madeline Kemme who took 3rd place for her age group in the 2007 Colorado Junior Duck Stamp Contest.
- Holly confirmed all but one of the AP class audits have been submitted, and our AP Human Geography class has already been returned approved.
- During a recent observation of Dr. Madden's Algebra B class at the FunPlex, Holly was impressed with the students' grasp of concepts and lessons being presented.
- Envision services has declared the intention of giving UH the remaining portion of Envisions grant money from the Colorado Trust. This money is dedicated to Bully Prevention and we are already holding Peer Education session with the amount previously given to UH. We will receive the additional \$5000 next year. Holly invites any interested BOG members to join in the strategy building meeting from 9-11 a.m. Monday April 23 to plan specific use of the funds.
- UH Knowledge Bowl team is currently in the State competition in Colorado Springs. No results were available at press time.
- UH FBLA attended the State Leadership Conference in Vail April 15-17. Some notable achievements were:
 - FBLA State Award winner 8th place – Partnership with Business: Andy Eberhard, Joe O'Farrell and Josh Rastatter
 - FBLA State Award winner 9th place - Introduction to Business communications; Austin Bagley
 - FBLA State Award winner 2nd place and National Qualifier – management Decision Making; Adrienne Matthews, Joe O'Farrell and Brittni Hernandez

Business Manager's Update:

- Ronni distributed a preliminary budget, noting several items were yet to be finalized. She also presented a breakdown by percentage of the "Salary" line of the budget.
 - A special Budget meeting will be scheduled in May when all information is available.
- The results of the BOG election were distributed and certified Chuck (Dick) by the current Board. Congratulations to Parent Representative Eric Carlsen, and Community Representatives Dr. Ryan Mayeda and Jorge Amaya and to Student Representative Brittni Hernandez.
- As a follow up to questions at the last BOG meeting, Ronni reported that her research showed no other local schools requiring payment of fees specifically for Security. UH total required fees of \$34 (for the 2006-2007 school year are comparably mid-range, while the Athletic fees are in the higher range of the comparison scale.

Items for Action

- Two personnel items were presented: the resignation of Jamie Lent and the hiring of Kim Wagner as Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach.
 - A motion was made by Dick (Chuck) to approve the items. Motion passed.
- On a related note, the Activities Director, the Elementary Counselor and the 57 H.S. Language Arts position were all posted for April 27.

Items for Discussion

- Tom's presented the floor plan for the new addition to the school, and stated the recent meeting with the city of Greeley regarding planning and permits for construction went well.
- In a recent conversation with Joe Schumacher, Ron discovered the process by which the basketball court (which will be removed for the expansion) was installed without the approval of the BOG. At that time, Vice Principal Steve Ramsey approved and supported the efforts of the donors to install the basketball court without consulting the long-term plan for the school campus. Those donors have stated their support to the new expansion plan.
- Aims Community College will be renting Mr. Horn and Mr. Weichern's science rooms during the summer. Finalization of details regarding dates and storage space included is pending . Construction should not impact this.
- Dr. Bond suggested our grant writer contact the Kresge Foundation for possible construction moneys.
- A proposal was made to approve the increase in school Security fees to \$30. Chuck (Kristen) Motion passed.
- The Booster Club treasurer's report was reviewed. David reiterated the suggestion to included year to date figures in the report.
- USPTO treasurer's report was reviewed. A list of grants distributed within our schools was included.

- On a related note, Garner secured the donation of approximately \$34K worth of used computers & supplies from USDA. Sherry will have an itemized list for the BOG next meeting.

Communication from the Board

- Ron asked for input on his proposed informational letter to BOG visitors. Kristen presented a revised version. A motion was made to approve and post the 2nd version on the website and office window near meeting notification. Eric (Dick) Motion passed.
- Kristen requested more awareness of unintentionally presenting our school as other than a public school.
- District 6 is forming a Diversity Council. David has been contacted and will keep us posted.

ECU Report

- ECU has 75 students enrolled currently, with 44 enrolled for summer.

Foundation Report

- The Bank of Choice loan had been paid in full thanks to the payment of pledges. There are still roughly \$20K in unpaid pledges outstanding. Dick is in the process of contacting those who have pledged but not paid. The endowment fund should be \$5000 by end of year.

Executive Session

- Motion was made to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations, personnel and student matters. David (Chuck) Motion passed
- Motion was made to leave executive session. Tom (Chuck) Motion passed
- A motion was made to set ECU lease payment at \$9/ft. Tom (Tony) The contract is being written accordingly.
- Motion was made to support administrations decision regarding non-renewal of contract. Eric (Chuck) Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Governors will be May 16 at 6 p.m. in the Library.

Adjournment:

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