

**University Schools
Board of Governors
May 14, 2008
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, David Sanchez, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Julie Fraser, Christie Malnati, Ryan Mayeda, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Brittni Hernandez, Ron Eberhard

Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Ronni Barker, Ed Wiechern, Cathy Olmsted, Nicole Peterson, Carol Riggs, Julia Richard, Robin Duran, Debbie Bangs, Jane Weber, Jennifer Roth, Carrie Hunter, Serena Sabin,

Guests Present: Shawn Harmer, Audra McCorkle, Mitzi Moran, John Bach

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:34. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Chuck (David) to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2008, meeting. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- Shawn Harmer thanked the board for allowing a group of individuals to speak about DHHP.
- Audra McCorkle spoke about how important the DHHP has been to her and her concern that future students won't have the opportunities that she has had.
- Mitzi Moran spoke about DHHP. She stated that isolation is a serious threat, and that multi-level interaction between DHH students is very important. Speaking for a large group of supporters, she asked the BOG to change its decision and leave the DHHP at University for next year. That would allow time to put together a broad based task force of stakeholders to look for the best solutions. She suggested charging the proposed task force with completing their work (including transition plans if called for) by March, 2009.
- John Bach presented information about Colorado Hug, a streamlined fundraising / marketing business.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported that another round of lottery drawings will be held on May 19.
- Sherry reported that the final staff in-service of the year was held on April 18.
- Sherry reported that the Joint Use committee is meeting regularly.
- Sherry reported that Linda Valentine was recently named co-runner-up for Greeley Teacher of the Year honors.
- Sherry reported that search committees are in the process of making final recommendations on several current staff openings.
- Sherry reported that the administrators are wrapping up teacher evaluations.
- Sherry reported that May 20 is K-8 dismissal day (before lunch) and that May 22 is HS dismissal day (before lunch.)
- Sherry reported that she met with the Directors of Union Colony and Frontier to discuss issues that should be included in our contract with District 6. The group met with Bill Bethke and Eric for legal advice

High School Principal's Report:

- Holly reported that the HS awards ceremony was Monday night and that over 400 awards were presented to 189 students.
- Holly reported that the LULAC dance was last Saturday, and that a good time was had by all.
- The band and choir concert was very good, and Holly commented on what a great job Angie Shaffer has done building up the music program.
- Plans are underway for a Diversity Jam on the last day of school.
- Holly reported that the advisor groups have been conducting their Senior Showcase nights.
- Plans for graduation are complete. BOG members should meet in the ECU hallway between 5:15 and 5:30 on May 23.
- A student assembly was held to honor the Knowledge Bowl State Championship. Another banner has been ordered for the gym wall.

Business Manager Report:

- Ronni distributed the financial report dated April 30, 2008.
- Ronni reported that she has heard from Shirazi and Associates, and that they are expecting no increase for University for the second year in a row.
- Contract proposals were presented for Pest Control and Janitorial work for the 2008-09 year. A motion was made by Bryan (Chuck) to approve the contracts with the low bidders: EnviroPest (\$1,740) and Porter (\$126,648). Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
New Hires:
 - Justin Garcia – HS Social Studies
 - Kira Carrol – 3rd/4th teacher
 - Garner Agone – MS Assistant Track CoachResignation:
 - Sonya Paukune – HS Art
- A motion was made by David (Bryan) to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Elementary Math Curriculum Adoption:

- Julia Richard reported that the curriculum committee met with the HS Math team and received their support.
- The proposed textbooks were placed out on display and had received no comments.
- Sherry reported that the cost would be \$22,500 for the first year, with \$10,200 coming from the Walton Grant.
- Bryan expressed concern over adopting a curriculum that had so many identified shortcomings. The board agreed to support the textbooks, but not adopting it as curriculum.
- A motion was made by David (Chuck) to approve the new math resources. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Where Everybody Belongs:

- Jane Weber and Jennifer Roth presented information about the new transition program for incoming 6th graders.
- A leadership team of 20 7th graders (will be 8th graders in the fall) have been trained. The leadership team will help the older kids get to know the younger kids.

- Jane and Jennifer demonstrated one of the activities to the BOG. (The BOG was amazingly successful!)
- Jane and Jennifer expressed their belief that this program has the potential to change the culture of MS.

Key Club:

- Jane reported that Key Club worked again this year with El Pomar Youth in Community Service program, and were named the outstanding program of the North Region.
- Since 2001, UH Key Club has distributed \$42,500 to Colorado nonprofits and \$17,010 to in school grants.

High School Graduation Requirements:

- Holly presented information about proposed changes to the Liberal Arts pathway, beginning with the Class of 2013. This will be on the June BOG agenda for approval.

Third Grade CSAP results:

- The results of the 3rd grade CSAP tests were distributed.

DHHP Update:

- The BOG discussed the DHHP presentation and how to respond.
- Kristen and Ron will meet with the leaders of the group to explain our position and why things happened the way they did. They will emphasize the following points:
 - We understand their frustration and we have struggled with the issue as much as they are
 - District 6 was not willing to work with us
 - We have no control over District 6 funds
 - Once District 6 said no to us, we had no options

Mill Levy Override:

- No report

2008-09 Preliminary Budget:

- The preliminary budget was presented by Sherry and Ronni.
- The budget is based on a 3% PPOR increase, and includes a 4.2% salary increase (District 6 will have a 3% salary increase)
- Ryan expressed concern about the size of the budget for classroom instruction. The board generally agreed that this needs to be increased, but did not reach agreement on where the increase would come from.
- A motion was made by David (Julie) to give preliminary approval to the budget, pending further discussion on this topic. Motion passed (Arguello dissent)

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- The Booster Club financial report dated April 1, 2008 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- The financial report dated April 24, 2008 was distributed.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- No report

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that the ECU enrollment is down a little.

Foundation Report:

- No report

Next Meeting:

- The next regular meeting of the Board will be June 11, 2008 at 6:30pm in the library.
- Graduation will be May 23, 2008 at 6:00. BOG members should meet in the ECU hallway between 5:15 and 5:30.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ryan (David) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.