

University Schools Board of Governors June 22, 2004 Minutes

Present: David Sanchez, Greg Pierson, Linda Widel, Suzanne Forney, Bryan VanDriel, Cyndy Giauque, Mike Taber, Linda Fry, Ron Eberhard, Tom Roche, Linda Roberts, Nicole Leyden, Amanda Haas

- Suzanne called the meeting to order at 5:30

Approval of Minutes:

- After correction of the budget numbers in the ECU Board report section, a motion was made by Ron (David) approve the minutes of the May 19, 2004 meeting. Motion passed.

Co-Chairs Report:

- Suzanne reminded the Board that officer elections will be held at the July meeting.

Communications from the Board:

- Bryan passed around a thank you note from Emily Dollard.

Booster Club Report:

- Linda Fry distributed a program of work for the 2004-05 school year, which will include the addition of a new pep club to include elementary students.

ECU Board Report:

- Mike reported that summer enrollment looks positive. He also reported that the fall enrollment looks good, but the after school program may be dropped in the fall.

Middle School Discipline Guidelines:

- Amanda Haas and Nicole Leyden presented the proposed Middle School Behavior Plan. After modifying the portion about electronics in the classroom, a motion was made by Ron (Linda R) to approve the plan as amended. Motion passed.

Board Retreat:

- Suzanne proposed several dates for the retreat. Everyone agreed on July 17. More information about time and location will be forthcoming.

Financial Report:

- Linda distributed the Cole and Crosier balance sheet as of April 30, 2004, and the utility payment spreadsheet. She noted that the utilities and co-curricular line items continue to be a concern, and that we may need to look at increasing the activity fees next year due to the co-curricular shortfall.

Board Policies Committee:

- Cyndy Giauque reported that the committee has met two times so far. The committee is "teacher heavy" and "parent light". The committee meets every other Tuesday in the Conference Room at 4:30. The next meeting is June 29.

University Schools Foundation Letter:

- The letter generated great conversation, but the general feeling is that it is too lengthy and too negative. Suggestions included:

- • Cyndy asked that the letter be shortened, and that the word “problem” be changed to “challenge”.
- • We might want to consider a shortened letter, with a web link directing interested persons to the complete letter on the website.
- • We need to offer parents something concrete – instead of just giving a donation; they need to be offered the opportunity to purchase something.
- • Suzanne proposed to send a shortened letter along with a donation card, and then have additional donation cards at registration.
- • Ron agreed to shorten the letter and meet with Dick Bond.

Financial Report:

- Linda W. presented the final adjusted budget for the 2003-04 year. A motion was made by Ron (David) to approve the adjusted budget. Motion passed.
- Linda W also presented the 2004-05 budget. No action was required.
- A motion was made by Cyndy (Ron) to raise the fee for Activity Passes to \$35 to help offset some of the shortfall in the co-curricular budget. Motion passed.

Personnel Issues: New Hires and Resignations:

- Greg presented a list of new hires for Board action. The new hires include:
 - Deborah Bangs 1st/2nd Co taught classroom
 - Lynn Waltman K-8 Reading
 - Aleksander Gorely Band/Choir
 - Sadie Antuna Middle School Math (part time)
 - Betsy Chisolm Library aide (part time)
 - Kara Taber Librarian (part time)
 - Laurie Andres 3rd/4th Grade
- A motion was made by David (Bryan) to approve all of the above new hires. Motion passed.
- Greg also presented resignations from Dr Nancy Glenn and Nancy Bonner. A motion was made by Mike (David) to accept the resignations. Motion passed.

Bond Refinance:

- Greg reported that action will take place on the Federal level on June 30, and that Russ Caldwell would be willing to come up and meet with us after that. Tom suggested that if Russ (who has already missed a window of opportunity) can't get the refinance completed by June 30, we might want to meet with Hanifen, who writes the bonds for the City of Greeley, Dist 6, and Frontier.

Director's Report:

- Greg presented a proposal from Rocky Mountain Electric to install electric winches so the auditorium lights can be easily serviced. Bryan suggested that there are better options available than what they suggested, and will get additional information to Greg.
- Greg presented a contract from Porter Industries for cleaning services for the coming year. A motion was made by David (Bryan) to approve the contract. Motion passed.
- Greg presented a contract from District 6 for Food Services, and noted that it is a two-year contract with a 90 day out clause. A motion was made by Ron (Mike) to approve the contract. Motion passed.

Patio Cover:

- Ron presented a plan for patio expansion that was nicely done but unaffordable. No action was taken.

Executive Session:

- A motion was made by Ron (Bryan) to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion Passed.

- A motion was made by David (Ron) to move out of Executive session. Motion passed.

Personnel:

- A motion was made by Linda R (David) to approve a contract for Linda Widel for the 2004-05 year. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Ron (David) to approve a contract for Steve Ramsey for the 2004-05 year. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Ron (Bryan) to approve a contract for Greg Pierson for the 2004-05 year. Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, July 19, 2004 at 7:00AM.

Adjournment:

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