

University Schools Board of Governors October 8, 2008 Minutes

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Ron Eberhard, Julie Fraser, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern, Kate Ehrman
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ronni Barker, Keith Decker, Nicole Peterson, Jessica Smoot, Chris Hampden

Tony called the meeting to order at 6:33. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008, meeting. Motion passed.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

- Keith Decker presented a request for his class to travel to Wyoming to spend a night at Mrs. Riggs' cabin. A motion was made by Bryan (Kristen) to approve the request. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported that the official October 1 count was 1061, and our budget was based on 1064. She expressed gratitude to the teachers in grades 1, 2 and 5 for each taking one additional student per class to help the budget.
- She reported that 9th grade enrollment is down and there were no applicants. Current HS enrollment is:
 - 9th – 98
 - 10th – 111
 - 11th – 95
 - 12th – 100
- Sherry reported that all homecoming activities went well.
- Sherry reported that homework help started.
- Sherry reported that all faculty committees have begun their work.
- Sherry reported that Eugene Sheehan, UNC Dean of Education visited US with four professors from Nigeria. They discussed Kay Norton's proposal to refocus UNC as an Education Center. Sherry indicated that US will be helpful in any way we can.
- The AP enrollment data was distributed.
- Sherry reported that a Joint Use committee meeting will be held October 22 at Frontier.
 - The Joint Use expenses and calendar were distributed.
 - Kristen expressed the need for a "point person" for scheduling, maintenance, etc. and that she plans to force the issue at an upcoming meeting.
 - Lack of student supervision continues to be a problem.
- There will be a staff inservice on Friday, October 10, focusing on student data
- Sherry reported that the meeting with Dr Lang, Union Colony School and Frontier has been postponed yet again.
- Sherry requested a meeting with the Board to discuss her goals. We will meet November 5th at 5:30

Middle School Principal's Report:

- Paul reported that he is continuing to hold grade level meetings, taking an entire grade level to the Auditorium each week.
- Paul reported that the entire MS staff will again be attending the CAMLE Conference at the end of October in Denver.
- Paul reported that Jennifer Roth has done a great job working with the W.E.B. program.

High School Principal's Report:

- No report.

Business Manager Report:

- The financial report dated September 30, 2008 was also distributed.
- Ronni reported that the audit report should be presented at the next meeting.
- A list of class fees was also distributed as informational only. This information will be utilized in the District 6 contract conversations.
- Ronni reported that she expects to have a revised budget to present at the next meeting, reflecting the lower student count.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
New Hires:
 - Kerry Breen – MS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - Amber Korshetz – HS Girls Basketball C team Coach

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Purging Old Files:

- Sherry presented an itemized bill for services that District 6 owes us for. The total is \$61,485.92. The bill will be sent to District 6 with a cover letter.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated September 30 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated October 1 was distributed.
- The fall grants are due October 15
- It was suggested that stickers be placed on all grant funded equipment stating "Purchased by USPTO Funds"
- Ron suggested a page on our website for both USPTO and Booster Club.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- Kristen distributed information about adding solar energy to US. Bryan suggested that we also look at the addition of wind turbines at the baseball field. He will investigate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

- Ron presented a copy of a letter he sent to Dist 6 Board members written to clear up misconceptions about our fee structure.

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that enrollment is down a little to 52.

Foundation Report:

- Dick reported that Frank and Donna Lakin, Terry Harvey and Ron Eberhard have been added as Foundation Board members.
- Dick reported that Jeanne Lipman has been great at responding to alumni requests for information, and also has been updating the database.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be November 12, 2008 at 6:30pm in the library.
- A work session will be held on November 5 to discuss Sherry's goals

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Kristen (Chuck) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.