

**University Schools
Board of Governors
November 12, 2008
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Eric Carlson, Julie Fraser, Ryan Mayeda, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern, Kate Ehrman
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Ronni Barker, Jeff Peterson

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:32. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Sherry noted that due to a delay getting approval from District 6, the Auditor's report would need to be delayed, so it was removed from the agenda.
- A motion was made by Chuck (Dick) to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Chuck (Julie) to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008, meeting. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported the school had an all day in-service on October 10, focusing primarily on Student Data. Sherry reported that the vertical teams worked together especially well.
- Sherry reported that on November 3, the Assistant dean of the CU Law School, Lorenzo Trujillo presented an in-service about closing the achievement gap and working with students.
- Sherry reported that on November 6 she met with Dr Lang and Pat Gilliam from Union Colony and Mary Meersman from Frontier.
 - The Charter Schools all indicated a willingness to enter into a contract with District 6, but indicated there had been no response from Wayne Eads since July.
 - Sherry asked Dr Lang if the federal grant for AP support for at-risk and minority students is available for UH to share in. Dr Lang replied that it was not. Dr. Bond suggested that we follow up with CDE to see if we are excluded. Sherry will follow up.
 - Sherry received an email from Wayne Eads stating that CDE audited the 2006/07 pupil count and have disallowed certain students, resulting in a \$200,000 payback. Sherry requested the opportunity to provide supporting documentation prior to any action being taken.
- Sherry reported that Monday and Tuesday of this week were work days in prep for fall conferences.
- Sherry reported that the next Joint Use meeting is December 10, and that Ray Klesh of the Greeley Grays will attend with his proposal for baseball field usage next summer.
- Sherry reported that there are two expulsions in the works. One is a HS student whose hearing was last Monday; one is a MS student whose hearing is next Monday. No additional details were provided to the board in the event that the findings of either hearing are appealed to the board.

High School Principal's Report:

- Holly reported that the end of trimester transition went very smoothly.
- Holly reported that the spirit bus went to the state volleyball contest, with 67 students being dismissed to attend in addition to the athletes, managers and cheerleaders.
- Holly reported that the drama production, "Pride and Prejudice" went very well.
- Holly reported that Key Club is busy raising money and providing service.

- Holly reported that the faculty is reviewing the Senior Project guidelines, and that a school wide committee is working on a coordinated schedule for K-12 for next year.
- Holly reported that Peace Circles will be November 19, and asked the board for assistance serving breakfast and lunch.

Middle School Principal's Report:

- No report.

Business Manager Report:

- The financial report dated October 31, 2008 was distributed.
- Ronni reported that she expects to have a revised budget to present at the December meeting, reflecting the lower student count.
- Ronni suggested providing the same holiday gifts to faculty as last year. A motion was made by Chuck (Bryan) to give the same gifts as last year. Motion passed (Fraser abstain).

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
Resignations:
 - Hod Soto – HS Head Football Coach
 - Brad Bunting – HS Assistant Football Coach
- A motion was made by Eric (Tony) to approve the changes. Motion passed.
- Dick suggested that if we are interested in looking at dropping the football program, this is the time to do it, rather than after a coach has been hired. The suggestion was met with general disapproval. No motion was offered.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Bids were presented for a grounds contractor for next summer. Sherry indicated her intention to accept the bid from Rainway for \$4,453.80.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement was given to Ronni but was not distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- A financial statement dated November 1, and a list of fall grants were distributed.
- Ed reported that the grants committee was frustrated that technology requests (smartboards, projectors, etc) has eaten up a huge amount of their budget and doesn't allow them to fund smaller requests as they have in the past for book purchases, teacher conferences, etc. The board suggested that administration, USPTO, and Booster Club all get on the same page regarding who will fund what in the future.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

- No report

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that enrollment is 53.
- Chuck reported that ECU has received a \$4,000 grant from United Way to obtain their Qualistar rating, which will allow additional grant funding opportunities.
- A copy of the November newsletter was distributed.
- Eric reported that there has been no progress made on a new contract.

Foundation Report:

- The gift policy was distributed.

Joint Use Committee:

- Minutes of the September 9 meeting were distributed.
- A copy of the bids for joint use grounds maintenance was distributed. Sherry indicated that it was the intention of the committee to accept the bid from Rainway in the amount of 23,133.88. The bid from EJJ was lower, but they did the work this past summer and there were quality and service issues.

Director's Goals 2008/2009

- Sherry presented a list of proposed goals for the 2008-2009 school year. The board discussed them, but no action was necessary.
- The board will continue to review the method utilized to evaluate the Director's position

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be December 10, 2008 at 6:30pm in the library.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ryan (Chuck) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:42.