

**University Schools
Board of Governors
November 16, 2005
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Ron Eberhard, Tom Roche, David Sanchez, Bryan VanDriel, Eric Carlson, Kristen Anderson, Chuck Olmsted, Christie Malnati, Dick Bond, Tiffany Schaner, Mike Taber,
Staff Present: Greg Pierson, Steve Ramsey, Patti Eaton
Guests Present: Steve Morrison, Tony Arguello

- Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Hearing:

- Tony Arguello expressed concerns about the talk of tight budgets and cuts that may be coming.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting. Motion passed.

Director's Search:

- Steve Morrison discussed the ongoing search and distributed the findings from the focus groups. He pointed out several portions of the vacancy announcement that the Board needs to discuss. A work session was scheduled for November 22 at 6:00 in the conference room to discuss the position announcement.
- Dick suggested having a member of the Board involved at every step of the search process.

Financial Report:

- Patti noted that it is the time of year when we have normal expenses but limited income because of the lag time in payments from District 6. She requested permission to transfer funds from the money market account to the general fund to cover expenses. A motion was made by Christie (Chuck) to transfer \$25,000 for October and \$20,000 for November expenses. Motion passed.
- Patti noted that we have an account called the Independent Contractor's Account that we don't utilize because we pay the contractors from the General Fund. A motion was made by Kristen (Chuck) to close the Independent Contractor's account and transfer the funds to the general fund. Motion passed.
- The 2005-2006 Ethnicity and Gender report for University Schools was distributed. Noting that our ethnicity population was significantly below that of District 6, Chuck suggested tracking our ethnicity percentage as compared to our ethnicity applications.

Director's Report:

- Greg presented for final reading the Student Expression Rights policy. A motion was made by David (Chuck) to adopt the policy. Motion passed.
- Greg discussed the impact that the District 6 Academic Watch will have on University Schools. He noted that the Charter School Directors will meet with Michael Clough from the CDE to find out the expectations and impact. The audit committee will meet with 6 randomly selected teachers to find out what we are doing to meet state standards. He

noted that it is possible that the CDE will mandate a specific curriculum for the entire district, but it is unlikely to include us because it would be contrary to our mission and to the Charter School concept.

- A motion was made by Bryan (Mike) to formally accept the proposed contract with Stephen A. Morrison to assist the BOG with the Director's search. Motion passed.
- Greg presented the proposed academic calendar for the 2006-07 school year. Tom asked that the graduation time be changed to 6:00 instead of the current 7:00. A motion was made by Ron (Dick) to adopt the proposed calendar with the above change. Motion passed.
- Greg distributed the Accountability Report, and the "Special Features of UHS" flier.
- Greg distributed a comparison of CSAP scores from selected Charter Schools across the state.
- Greg distributed a copy of the citation we received for improper drainage on the DHHP/ECU playground. He also presented a bid from J.W. Skid Loader Service, Inc. for \$1000 to correct the drainage problem. A motion was made by Dick (Ron) to accept the bid. Motion passed.
- Steve noted that several parents had responded to a request for an exterior basketball court and that the students were enjoying this addition to the playground. The parents who donated money and/or services to the project are:
 - Joe and Nancy Schumacher, Tony and Denise Arguello, Jim and Monica Medina
 - Julia Arguello, Lonnie and Pam Cogburn, and Victor Andrade
- Greg distributed the USPTO Balance Sheet dated October 26, 2005. He noted that they awarded between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in classroom grants and that every grant request was funded.
- Greg noted that the vans will need some paint and minor repairs, and that we have spent \$3,500 - \$4,000 on bus repairs this fall, but they appear to now be in good shape.
- Greg requested a decision on the faculty holiday gifts. A motion was made by Ron (Dick) to give every University Schools employee a \$75 grocery gift card. Motion passed. A motion was made by Ron (Dick) to give every District 6 employee in our building a \$25 grocery gift card. Motion passed.

ECU Board report:

- No report

Social Gathering:

- Kristen led a discussion on the merits of a faculty/board social gathering. It was decided to host a lunch open house on January 3 from 11:30-1:00. Kristen and Christie will work on this and bring ideas to the board at the Dec 15 meeting.

Executive Session:

- Greg requested an executive session to discuss a student personnel issue. A motion was made by Ron (David) to move into Executive Session. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Mike (Bryan) to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be December 14 at 7:00pm in the library.

Adjournment:

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