

**University Schools  
Board of Governors  
June 10, 2009  
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Eric Carlson, Julie Fraser, Ryan Mayeda, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern, Ron Eberhard  
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Ronni Barker,  
Guests Present: Richard Wood, Mary Jo Brockshus

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:35. A quorum was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Chuck (Tony) to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009, meeting. Motion passed.

**ECU PRESENTATION**

- Mary Jo Brockshus, a commercial real estate broker with Remax Alliance presented information on commercial rentals as it relates to our space currently occupied by ECU. The current market value of similar space is \$10 - \$17.70 per square foot. We are currently receiving \$9 per square foot from ECU. Mary Jo also pointed out that this is a unique situation from both sides. Our space is specialized (playground, small toilets, etc), and ECU would have a very difficult time finding suitable space elsewhere. On the other hand, we would have a difficult time finding another suitable tenant.
- The leases she has seen over the past year have reflected a 3% or \$0.50 per square foot increase. She recommended an increase of \$0.50 per year with a 5 year commitment.
- Dick asked the question "How valuable is the ECU to University Schools" He indicated that although it would involve some remodeling costs, adding 16 additional student into this space would give us an increased PPOR of more than \$80,000 per year. He suggested that we need to look long term and decide what is best for University Schools.

**ECU LEASE**

- Sherry presented a proposal for ECU Lease for 2009-2010. The proposal includes a 3% rent increase, with a couple of different payment options.
- A motion was made by Ryan (Julie) to approve the 3% increase with the increase being spread over 10 months (from September 2009 through June 2010), bringing the total lease payment for the year to \$64,876.61. Motion passed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Director's Report:**

- Sherry expressed her thanks and appreciation to Dick Bond and Bryan VanDriel for their 6 years of service to University Schools Board of Governors. She indicated that the July meeting will be on July 8, followed by the traditional dinner celebration for all retiring and returning Board members.
- Sherry thanked the Board members for participating in the Graduation ceremony.
- Sherry reported that summer school started on June 1 with 22 students. They attend 4 hours per day, 4 days per week.
- The auxiliary gym floor has been removed with no sign of water underneath. Tom Roche has donated a trailer to store the floor panels for possible future use.
- Sherry reported that the south lawn has been aerated and seeded
- Sherry reported that summer repairs are under way. She reported that Jared is very efficient and self-sufficient
- Sherry reported that District 6 is moving the DHHP sound booth to Maplewood this week.

- Sherry distributed a report on the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the entrance lottery.
- Sherry distributed a letter from the Anti-Defamation League thanking Sandy Magnuson and Jennifer Roth for their work on the anti-bullying campaign and the designation of University schools as a “No Place for Hate” campus.

Middle School Principal’s Report:

- No Report

High School Principal’s Report:

- No Report

Business Manager Report:

- The financial report dated May 31, 2009 was distributed.
- Ronni is working on getting new bids for health insurance.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
  - Resignations:
    - Carol Wheaton – Bus Driver
    - Nicole Peterson – HS Language Arts
  - Leave of Absence:
    - Debbie Bangs – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
  - Reassignments:
    - Carrie Weiker – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
    - Amanda Haas - .5 MS Reading
    - Brad Bunting - .5 Physical Education / HS Athletic Director
    - Nick Kintz - .5 Physical Education / MS Athletic Director
  - Recommendations for New Hire:
    - Jenny Bates – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Renae Smith – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Brooke Dannar - .5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Job Share
    - MacKenzie Graham – MS Math
    - Joni Lissak - .3 MS Art
    - Savita Nair – HS Math/Science
    - Larry Paul – Assistant HS Football Coach
    - Darren Koretko – Assistant HS Football Coach
    - Jim Hills – Assistant HS Football Coach
- A motion was made by Bryan (Ryan) to approve the changes. Motion passed.
- The remaining open positions include:
  - MS Math 1.0
  - HS Language Arts 1.0
  - MS/HS Sign Language 1.0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Booster Club Treasurer’s report:

- No report.

USPTO Treasurer’s report:

- No report

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- No report.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

### ECU Report:

- No further report

### Foundation Report:

- No report.

### Joint Use Committee:

- Kristen reported business as usual including issues with the auditorium.
- Kristen reported that Frontier is doing a theatre class in the auditorium over the summer.

### Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be July 8, 2009 at 6:30pm in the library, followed by dinner.

### Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ryan (Chuck) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7.36pm.