

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOVEMBER 11, 2009
APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present Kristen Anderson, Ron Eberhard, Julie Fraser, Charles Olmsted,
Richard Wood, Dick Bond, Eric Carlson, Ed Weichern, Sire Garcia

Staff Present Sherry Gerner, Ronni Barker, Paul Kirkpatrick, Holly Sample

Guest(s) Present Jim Griffin

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A motion was made by Charles (Ron) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Ron (Charles) to approve the October 14, 2009 minutes. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- None

JIM GRIFFIN – President Colorado League of Charter Schools

- Board Members introduced themselves to Jim.
- Provided CLCS literature.
- Background includes lawyer and lobbyist.
- League is statewide organization that works on behalf of charter schools.
- Membership organization supported by dues, foundation, donations.
- Autonomy, self-governance, support.
- Advocate with the State Board of Education, media, etc.
- State student performance data collection.
- Development of 3 year vision strategy plan on going to address issues such as the wide variation in performance of Charter schools across state, human capital (pipelines into Charter system), organizational stability.
- Legislature – A FT rep at the Capitol, contract lobbyist, Jr. lobbyist soon that represent Bills, run defense, etc.
- Current budget issues impacting this year's goals plus Governor Ritter's recently announced K-12 budget cuts (regardless of Amendment 23)
- 3 factors on base funding: At risk factor, school size, and cost of living.
- Discussed our relationship with District 6, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (i.e. nationally accepted standards), the defeat of Mill Levy, District 6 vs. independent auditor

STAFF REPORT

Director's Report – Sherry reported:

- Looking into bleacher rentals
- 14 selected staff members attended the Infinite Campus meeting
- The October 23 Evacuation Drill, as well as the November 6 unscheduled evacuation due to a maintenance trigger, went well
- Attending the PTO meeting and that things are going well
- Special Ed audit survey for students sent by District 6
- Open House for interested High School and 8th Grade students scheduled for January 14, 2010
- Wayne Eads sent a memo (see green handout) with Infinite Campus offer for review. Consider inviting Wayne to a Board Meeting. Discussed the positives and negatives.
- Having a Snow Day on October 29.
- Developed BOG Welcome letter to provide at meetings for guests (see blue handout).

MS Principal's Report – Paul reports:

- 160 kids attended the MS dance
- New electives/guided explorations assigned classes has taken place

HS Principal's Report – None

Business Manager's Report – Ronni reported:

- The financial reported dated through October 31, 2009 was distributed and reviewed.
- \$110 million dollar rescission was not in the 2009-10 budget.
- Expected 3 Thai students and got 4 + .5 German exchange student

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda

- Personnel – A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
Recommendation for hire:
 - Tom Bellendir – MS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
 Resignation:
 - Darren Koretko – HS Football Assistant Coach
- A motion was made by Ryan (Richard) to approve the personnel changes. The motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Planning

- Board Members reviewed and discussed the list.
- Requested feedback from staff and faculty was minimal.
- Suggested revisions and additions agreed upon.
- Board Members agreed for need of proposal, evaluation, acceptance or denial through Sherry on "Job Jar" items.
- Kristen will finalize agreed additions and/or changes and submit list to Bulldog Newsletter for December edition.

Booster Club Report

- A financial report dated through October 31, 2009 and a copy of the 2008 990-EZ statement was distributed and reviewed.

USPTO Report – Ed reported:

- The financial report dated through September 30, 2009 was distributed and reviewed.
- Donna Gonzales, HS counselor, presented at the last meeting College Scholarship information/opportunities.
- Shelley Endres posted an on-line classroom and faculty needs list on the website.
- Distribution of Profits Committee has granted \$11,000 in requests. Need areas included technology, books, summer school, and student projects.

BOARD REPORTS

Co-Chair report

- No report

Communication from the Board

- Gratitude to Dick was expressed for efforts with the Mill Levy, who then asked that a “Thank You” be sent to The Foundation and USPTO as well.

ECU Report – Charles reported:

- No recent meeting
- Melissa Lelm provided Charles with current enrollment numbers at 71 with 3 leaving due to layoffs and that the CPP contract has been signed.

Foundation Report – Dick reported:

- On the work undertaken by The Foundation for the Mill Levy

Joint Use Report – Ron reported:

- Frontier purchased 2 busses.
- Work continues on the Amendment to the Joint Use Contract.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Charles noted that the US bus had members throwing trash out of windows while traveling and poor driving by bus driver during recent trip. Consider the poor PR that gives US.

NEXT MEETING

- December 9, 2009 6:30pm University Schools Library with a holiday meal being provided prior by the HS Catering class at 5:45pm in Room 1213 off the cafeteria area.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Charles (Ron) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.