

University Schools Board of Governors
December 9, 2009
Approved Minutes

Board Members Present Ron Eberhard, Julie Fraser, Ryan Mayeda, Charles Olmsted,
Richard Wood, Dick Bond, Tony Arguello, Ed Weichern

Staff Present Sherry Gerner, Ronni Barker, Paul Kirkpatrick, Holly Sample,
Dave Wertz, Jeanne Lipman

Guests Present Wayne Eads, Alan Holmberg

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Richard (Charles) to approve the November 11, 2009 minutes. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- None

CSAP STUDENT RECOGNITION

- Ron presented US CSAP Excellence Certificates to available students for scoring “Advanced” in all sections of the 2009 CSAP test.
 - 6th Grade – Luc Kolanz*, Alexandra Multer
 - 7th Grade – Jack Fraser*
 - 8th Grade – Brendan Azama, Rachel Myers*, Tad Strohauer, Madison Widener
 - 9th Grade – Rebecca Reeve, Svetlana Zwetkof*
 - 11th Grade – Renata Diaz*, Jorey Jiricek*, Millie Schreibman*

(*Indicates those that also scored “Advanced” in 2008)

INFINITE CAMPUS – Wayne Eads, Weld District 6, Chief Ops. Manager

- Presented an overview if the Infinite Campus computer management system utilized by WD6 as well as other Colorado school districts. See handout. WD6 has requested US consider moving to this system. Selected faculty and staff were given a 2-hour orientation to IC on October 27, 2009. Input was mostly favorable. Cost is a concern as it is more than the current system. Wayne assured there could be negotiations on the price.
- Utilizing a common auditor is also a WD6 request. Wayne presented the Board with WD6 benefit viewpoint, mainly that the operations between WD6 and US would run smoother, have less chance for report delays, and no loss of sovereignty for US.
- A PowerPoint on the anticipated 2010-11 WD6 budget issues was shown. Weld is in the lowest percentile of PPOR in Colorado mainly due to not having passed a Mill Levy Override like other districts have been able to do.
- Post presentation discussion included comments and questions involving the positives and negatives. A comment letter from US auditors Anderson & Whitney was provided and reviewed. The Board asked Sherry to provide a recommendation regarding both issues at the January BOG meeting when Anderson and Whitney are also scheduled to present. Consider bids from other audit companies.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report – Sherry reported:

- Attending the District 6 meeting where Commissioner Jones spoke about the “Race to the Top” Grant.
- Alan Holmberg (Anderson & Whitney) will be at the Jan. meeting.
- Calendar Committee prepping the preliminary 2010-11 calendar.
- Attending the Northern Area Charter luncheon.
- January 14, 2010 6:30pm Open House for interested 8th grade and higher students. Please feel free to attend.
- December 15, 2009 is the 6th – 12th grade Winter Concert.
- A copy of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers Principles and Standards mentioned by Jim Griffin at the last BOG meeting has been provided.

HS Principal's Report – Holly reported:

- 45 students participated in the Peace Circles program. In related news, discipline incidents are down from last year. Update at next BOG meeting.
- Winter sports are in full swing.
- The K-12 Pep Assembly is this Friday.
- Goal Setting research students from UNC's Department of Education are coming to do interviews and information gathering.
- Powerschool scheduling for next year is underway.

MS Principal's Report

- No report

Business Manager's Report – Ronni reported:

- The financial report dated through November 30, 2009 was distributed and reviewed.
- Efforts to keep costs down continue.
- No major expenses at this time.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda

- Personnel – A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. It included:
 - Kari Smith – MS Girl's Basketball Head Coach
- A motion was made by Richard (Ryan) to approve the recommended personnel change. Motion passed.

Authorization to Sign Checks

- Sherry recommended to the Board that Paul Kirkpatrick be given authorization to sign checks when circumstances arise.
- A motion was made by Charles (Richard) to approve recommendation. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ECU slots to Kindergarten

- Discussion included: Charles expressing the advanced level of kids coming out of ECU as a benefit to US, Julie questioned whether Eric had determined the legality behind it, and Ron remarked that he still felt the move would look as if there was an advantage to those who could afford ECU and that there was no benefit to US, just to ECU.
- A motion was made by Richard (Ryan) to continue the lottery system as is without ECU slots. Motion passed. One opposed.

Booster Club Report

- A financial report dated through November 30, 2009 was distributed and reviewed.
- No report

USPTO Report – Ed reported:

- Financial report dated through October 31, 2009 was distributed and reviewed.
- Teacher Appreciation week is scheduled May 2-7, 2010.
- The Carnival will also take place during that same time.
- Grants proceed.
- The teacher “Wish List” is posted on the USPTO website and bulletin board near the main offices and many are being fulfilled.
- A Movie Night fundraiser and silent auction is scheduled December 17, 2009 benefiting 5th grade teacher Amy Edge’s son, Andrew, to help offset medical expenses.
- Teresa Meyers of the Greeley Tribune presented holiday recipes at the last USPTO meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Co-Chair Report

- No report

Communication from the Board

- Julie reinforced the need to confirm receipt of unapproved minutes.

ECU Report – Charles reported:

- Enrollment is at 63 (includes 16 CPP slots). Continue to lose kids due to parent job loss, including 6 in the last 2 weeks.
- Await lease news from the BOG.
- NAEYC Accreditation process has begun.
- Received \$6000.00 quality improvement dollars from Qualistar to be spent on improvement items listed in proposal.

Foundation Report

- No report

Joint Use Report – Ron reported:

- The Board was provided with a copy of the proposed amendment to the JU Agreement.
- Kristen’s request starting a Campus Planning subcommittee. The volunteers include Ron, Tony, and Ed.
- Discussion: Section 24 of the Amendment.
- A motion was made by Ron (Julie) to decline the Amendment until a final sports decision has been made by Frontier. Motion passed.
- Sherry informed the Board that Frontier has requested parking their 2 busses in the same location as our busses. The two facilities managers (Jared-US/Tom-Frontier) are researching the feasibility of this request, as well as the possibility of accessing heating elements to the area.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Sherry reminded the Board of the upcoming audit report and incoming travel requests.

NEXT MEETING – January 13, 2010 6:30pm University Schools Library

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Ryan (Richard) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.