

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2023

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary
Jeremy Herndon, Member
Betzy Valdez, Member
Rebecca Thompson, Member

Administration in Attendance:

Jemiah Fowler, UCS Executive Director
Dave Warner, UCE Principal
Carrie Leffler, UCP Principal

Members Absent:

Ron Lamb, Treasurer

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Preparatory School on November 11, 2023.
Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Heather Bunyan.

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about Sebastian Cruz Garixa the great contributions that he has contributed to the Elementary school regarding her Respect to students and classmates

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Betzy Valdez, Second by Rebecca Thompson. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from October 14, 2023 Board Meeting

- 2023 Audit Acceptance. Motion by Ashleigh Jacks , Second by Betzy Valdez. Motion passed, unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- Proposed 24-25 Student Dress Code: The Board had discussions regarding the suggested dress code for the K-12 students beginning in 2024/2025. The Board did talk about how this was an improvement from the current dress code and hopefully its impact to hold the students to a higher standard of dress. There was some discussion regarding the potential financial impact for our families and if passed this would be communicated earlier so parents had time to prepare.
- Policy Review: The board discussed the following policies and there no changes were noted to the current policy, more to just a needed review of them.
 - IMDB: Flag Display
 - IJND - Technology Resources
 - JICI - Weapons at School
 - JO - Employment of Students

Reports

- Board:
 - Rebecca Thompson reported on Module 27 - Capital Improvements
- Administration/Principals:
 - Carrie Leffler updated the board on what is going on at the Preparatory School. Carrie reported on what the committees are currently doing in the school. The School Accountability committee is working on graduation requirements and what the future holds for that and does it work for all students. Maybe there are two paths for graduations: a traditional path or an honors path. They are also reviewing the quality vs quantity of those graduation requirements. The Curriculum Content Readiness is looking for Field Trips. They are looking at both the student value as well the education experience. They are also looking at eligibility requirements for students to participate. The Climate & Culture committee is working on student recognition. There are current boxes for voting on student of the month for October. She also reported on the K-12 capturing kids' hearts and how that implementation is going at the prep school.
 - Dave Warner updated the board on what is going on at the Elementary School and what is going on with all the committees. The School Accountability is working on retention of students and resources that they might need and how fair behind they are. They are also looking at testing scores as well as attendance issues. The

Curriculum Content Readiness is working on looking at the possibility of a Social Studies formal curriculum as well as rotation of curriculum evaluations on a rotating basis. They are also working on additional programs to help enhance the current curriculum. The Climate & Culture is working on check in and check outs with students that might be struggling with anything. Staff will help identify these students and see if they need additional support or resources. He also went over the upcoming musical concerts for the entire school and recognized the Veterans in attendance at the board meeting.

- Director
 - Jemiah Fowler reported on the current budget and the student count numbers, what the Finance Committee is doing as well as The CSC Wrap up

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.