

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2023

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Ron Lamb, Treasurer
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:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

The board heard about Muhammad Halik the great contributions that he has contributed to the Elementary school regarding his great accomplishments in reading and math.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Veronica Armendariz, Second by Betzy Valdez. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from November 11, 2023 Board Meeting
- Personnel was approved- Motion by Ashleigh Jacks, Second by Heather Bunyan. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - New Hires
 - Toni Varney - Kindergarten
 - Adriana Carbajal - Elementary Administrative assistant
 - Resignations
 - Krystal Adams - Preparatory Office Manager

- Revised Board Bylaws and Charter Agreement was approved - Motion by Jeremy Herndon , Second by Rebecca Thompson. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Policies all approved - Motion by Veronica Armendariz , Second by Ashleigh Jacks. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - IMDB - Flag Display
 - IJND - Technology Resources
 - JICI - Weapons at School
 - JO - Employment of Students

Discussion Items:

- Amended Draft Budget: The Board had discussions regarding the suggestions regarding the 2023/2024 Amended Draft Budget to include full time and part time one time bonus with one time money that came in higher than expected. The board also discussed additional adjustments that will need to be made to include Revenue and Liabilities and will still meet the necessary bond coverage ratio.
- Continuation of Charter School Capital: The board discussed the continuation of Charter School Capital, now known as Grow Schools. The board discussed the differences between a flat fee that might come in higher rate or potentially a multi year rate. It was estimated that Grow Schools might have grown our enrollment around 17 kids, K-12. This was based on the student count before we started with Grow Schools and after one year working with them.

Reports

- Board:
 - Betsy Valdez reported on Module 20 - Renewal & Accreditation
- Administration/Principals:
 - Carrie Leffler updated the board on what is going on at the Preparatory School. Carrie reported that all committees are continuing to work on their initiatives, to include peer nominations for Character, proposals for Field trips and graduation requirements.
 - Dave Warner updated the board on how impressed he has been with the current Kindergarten teacher and her maintain her commitment to the students and the growth in her classroom. He also reported that at the Faculty Council Meeting on December 5, they discussed the Math Curriculum as Robert's Rules of orders.
- Director
 - Jemiah Fowler reported on the Finance Committee timeline and will start working on the 2024/2025 annual budget. Also, the committee will start working on the 2024/2025 school calendar and are hoping to have a draft to the board at the next meeting. Also, he noted that the January through June board meetings will be at the elementary school.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.