

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2024

Members In Attendance:

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

Administration in Attendance:

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

Members Absent:

Ron Lamb, Treasurer
Ashleigh Jacks, Secretary

Call to Order and Attendance

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Elementary on February 10, 2024. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Heather Bunyan.

Pledge of Allegiance

School/Student Highlights

Maelie Ogunbunle - Ms. Williams 5th grade
Richard Albania Canto - 12th grade

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as provided.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Jeremy Herndon. Second by Rebecca Thompson. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes from January 13, 2024 Board Meeting

Discussion Items:

- 24-25 Calendar: Heather Bunyan asked that we consider trusting the committee to do their work.
- Proposed Graduation requirements: Trust the accountability committee. The board suggested starting a conversation about the different pathways in 8th grade (have it in writing). Veronica Armendariz ensured that faculty has it in their radar to start conversations with parents/students early on. Rebecca Thompson also asked if juniors would be eligible for these proposed pathways. We will vote on this next month.

- Policy Review: The board discussed the proposed graduation requirements. We discussed how the IKF-R allows middle school students to earn high school credits for certain courses. It is helpful when making decisions early on.

Reports

- Board:
 - Postponed until next month.
- Administration/Principals:
 - Dave Warner updated the board on what is happening at the elementary school. The school accountability committee determined additional, ongoing training was needed for staff to better utilize all facets of the NWEA assessment platform. The Dibels and CMAS will be reviewed every year to determine if they are needed and we're utilizing them fully. Dave also informed us about the continued training - teachers training teachers. 18 kids so far with perfect attendance (3 from last year - something different from bikes). Dave notified us about all upcoming events/activities: 2/22 - popcorn for reading steps, 2/29 - Principal's Luncheon, 3/5 - PTO. Valograms, the fundraiser this year for Ms. Bailey was a huge success. Sold close to 700 of them. Dave also talked about the promotion requirements - no longer social promoting. He shared steps for better improvements to promote students. The board expressed their support for better promotion requirements.
 - Carrie Leffler updated the board on what is going on at the Preparatory School. Carrie reported that the climate and culture committee met and is continuing their character recognition assemblies. Thanks to the friends group, snack shack coupons are given to the character trait winners and game winners. As a way to build staff culture, there will be a designated room on Mondays for staff to eat lunch together. Carrie also discussed the efforts of the content and readiness committee to improve reading and writing skills. The school accountability committee is planning an informational night for the proposed plans, pamphlets will be available. Set tours at Aims. All seniors have met state requirements for graduation.
- Director
 - Jemiah Fowler reported on the finance committee - approved bonuses for staff were deposited this week. This will be determined year by year. The 1st draft of the 2024-2025 budget will be presented in March. 2nd draft in April and we will vote in May. We will have a final in June. Jemiah presented the second quarter financial report. Overall, tracking is good.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.