

Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023 12:02 PM



**ATTENDING:**

Dr. Joanna Neel, Dr. Gina Doepker, Dr. Dominick Fazarro, Mr. Eric Semlear, Mr. Alan Buckland, Mr. Jeffrey Kennemer, Dr. Jo Ann Simmons, Mrs. Jaema Krier, Mrs. Christian Chesnut, Mrs. Aimee Dennis, Dr. Kelly Dyer, Mrs. Heather Bailey, Mrs. Umimi Bodede, and Mrs. Rachel Hawkins. Darla Dear and Dr. Michael Odell observed via the online stream along with other parents/guests.

**OPENING:**

The board meeting of the UT Tyler University Academy was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Mr. Kennemer on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Kennemer confirmed quorum of board members were present with board president, 6 board members were present and 1 via zoom.

**2. Pledge:**

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag  
Pledge of the Allegiance to the Texas Flag

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**3. Open for Public Comment**

Mr. Kennemer confirmed no request for public comment were received.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- i. Previous Minutes, Thursday, November 10, 2022. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to approve: Dr. Doepker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Dr. Fazarro, Passed 6-0

**5. Request Approval of 2021-2022 Annual Finance Report (AFR):**

Darla Dear reviewed the main points of the financial report. Page 5 explained the unmodified opinion. Page 22 explained the statement of revenues, expenditures, and charges with an ending fund balance of \$2,200,066. Page 37 was the budget and actual general fund with a positive balance of \$354,960. UA was under budget by \$112,810. Dr. Simmons thanked Darla, Jaema and Christian for all their hard work on the report. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to approve: Dr. Fazarro. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Dr. Neel. Passed 6-0

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**6. Superintendent Report**

- i. **School Board Appreciation Month**

Dr. Simmons thanked the school board for their service. Students from each campus made appreciation art for each school board. Each member was given gift bags from the district as a thank you.
- ii. **Financial Updates**
  - i. **2022-2023 Budget Report**

Christian Chesnut went over the current budget. 1.8 million added to the End of Year.
  - ii. **Intent to Apply: 2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant**

Aimee Dennis explained about the \$200,000 that will be used on safety features for UA. Will be starting on perimeter fence on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Explained the fence will be 2 wrought iron entrances with key card entry.
- iii. **ESSER Updates & RIPICS Survey**

Aimee Dennis spoke about the suggestion of using the funds for technology for teachers. She also spoke about the suggestion of removing covid vaccinations from RIPICS plan. The nurse will be conferring with CDC guidelines for review.
- iv. **State Compensatory Education Program Policies & Procedures Manual**

Aimee Dennis spoke about at-risk students and what services they receive. Dr. Gina Doepker asked about the pregnancy discrepancy on multiple lines. Aimee corrected. Removed from line 17.
- v. **Bilingual Education Program and Policies Guide**

Aimee Dennis spoke about the program model design, staffing and professional development, instructional design, and evaluation. Dr. Gina Doepker found a small typing error. Aimee corrected.
- vi. **District Enrollment/Attendance**

Jaema Krier shared our district numbers. 850 students at UA. Attendance has been down due to illness. Discussed how the holiday break affected attendance and how changes might could be made to help.
- vii. **Campus Updates**

Dr. Simmons spoke about the expansion of UA. Longview and Tyler are adding sections for next year. UA utilizing OAC. District offices will be moving first, and the rest will be moving this summer. Mr. Buckland asked if events will be taking place at OAC. Dr. Simmons explained that only UA events will be using the facility. There will be no scheduling of outside events. She also explained about the new HR staff member who will be the in-between person for UA and UT Tyler HR.
- viii. **Administrative Updates**

ix. **Organizational Restructure**

Dr. Simmons spoke about the restructuring of jobs within the organization. Dalton Abrams and Jaema Krier are leaving UA. Jaclyn Pederson will be over all curriculum and Aimee Dennis will be moving into Jaema's old position. Amanda Kaiser will also be adding more responsibilities to her position. We are also adding the new HR staff member and a financial staff member who will be helping Christian.

x. **Facilities-**

Dr. Simmons spoke more about the new safety perimeter fence. Mr. Buckland asked if this would cost UA more with the addition of the OAC. Dr. Simmons assured him that UT Tyler will be keeping the bills for the OAC. Dr. Fazarro and Dr. Doepker asked about the materials used on the fence. Dr. Simmons spoke about the wrought iron gates but wasn't sure about the rest of the fence.

xi. **Lab School Activities**

- i. Currently Dr. Acuna has 4 interns

j. **Looking Forward**

Waiver Applications/ Renewals, District/Board Calendar Adoptions, TAPR/Annual Report.

**7.Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Mr. Semlear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Mr. Buckland, adjournment occurred at 1:00 p.m.