



Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2024

Ornelas Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Rd, Tyler, TX 75707

ATTENDING:

Voting Members:

Alan Buckland

Dr. Gina Doepker

Dr. Dominick Fazarro

Jeffry Kennemer, President

Dr. Joanna Neel

Eric Semlear

Non-Voting:

Heather Bailey

Christian Chesnut

Dr. Aimee Dennis

Dr. Jaclyn Pedersen

Dr. Jo Ann Simmons

Tammy Humes

Wayne Carpenter

Rachel Hawkins (via Zoom)

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

The UT Tyler University Academy Board Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, by Mr. Kennemer, UA Board President, confirming the presence of a quorum.

2. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was said, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Public Comment

There were two presenters registered:

Mr. Wayne Carpenter, a plant geneticist, spoke about bringing his experiences to UA students, followed by Tammy Humes, who agreed with Mr. Carpenter.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the previous meeting, [Thursday, February 22, 2024](#), were presented for approval. Mr. Semlear suggested adding the members' names who voted at the last meeting. Dr. Dennis added them. Mr. Semlear moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Fazarro seconded the motion, and the vote was carried unanimously.

5. Request Approval of the [TEKS Certification for 2024-2025](#)

Dr. Pedersen presented the 2024-2025 TEKS Certification. Dr. Neel moved to accept the proposed TEKS Certification. Mr. Semlear seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

6. Request Approval of the [Budget Amendments for 2023-2024](#)

Mrs. Chesnut, UA Finance Manager, presented the updated budget as linked. Mr. Buckland moved to approve the budget amendment, and Mr. Semlear seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Financial Updates

a. [2023-2024 Budget Report](#)

Mrs. Chesnut presented the Financial Report as of February 2024, with a revenue of 4 million and expenses of 6.5 million.

8. Superintendent Report

a. [District Enrollment and Attendance](#)

Dr. Simmons presented the current enrollment and attendance. She also discussed the goal to be at 95% capacity districtwide by the fall of 2025.

b. Intent to Apply for 24-25 Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 1

Dr. Simmons explained that we are no longer applying for this grant.

c. Campus Updates

Dr. Simmons reviewed that we will add two sections of Kindergarten and one section of 6th and 7th grade on the Longview campus for the 2024-2025 school year.

d. Marketing

Dr. Simmons reviewed the marketing campaign that is occurring to recruit for the 2024-2025 school year through radio spots, Facebook, and yard signs.

e. District End-of-the-Year Events

Dr. Simmons reviewed the dates and times for the campus showcases, Senior Banquet, and awards assemblies for each campus.

f. Administrative Updates

Dr. Simmons gave an update on the facilities for the Longview campus.

g. Looking Forward- 24-25 Student Code Of Conduct, 24-25 Student Handbook,

24-25 Faculty/Staff Handbook, Superintendent to the Region 7 Advisory Committee for 24-25, Intent to Apply for Federal Funds (ESSA; IDEA-B), Region 7 E-Agreements for 24-25, School Board Elections- Tyler Parent Representative,

Longview Parent Representative, College of Education and Psychology
Appointment

9. Adjournment

Dr. Neel moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Fazarro seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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