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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Main Building Room 1414

Board Members Present: Jeremy Betz (Student Rep), Jake Daggett, Eric Fitzsimons, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Greg Pierson, Carol B. Riggs, Thomas M. Roche, Amanda Widel (Faculty Rep), Scott Williams
Staff Present: Jennifer Weaver, Sue Toricelli, David Jones, Jeff Casey, Michael Mazurana

6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Call to order at 6:00

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA - ERIC (JUSTIN) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 [JULY 12, 2023](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES - GREG (ERIC) PASSED

4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- CHRISTIAN IS A PARENT OF SEVERAL BAND STUDENTS. HE SHARES SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH THE RECENT BAND ROOM MOVE. HE MENTIONS THAT THE NEW BAND

ROOM'S SOUND QUALITY IS LOW QUALITY. HE ALSO MENTIONS THE HIGH DECIBEL LEVEL. HE SHARES THE IMPORTANCE OF A QUALITY PRACTICE SPACE.

- MARCIA ADDRESSES HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE MOVE TO AN INADEQUATE SPACE WITH IMPROPER ACOUSTICS. THE DECIBEL READINGS ARE MUCH HIGHER IN THE NEW BAND ROOM. SHE REFERENCES THE CDC'S WEBSITE REGARDING SAFE DECIBEL LEVELS. SHE ASKS THE BOARD TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AND RETURN TO THE OLD BAND ROOM OR MAKE USE OF THE AUDITORIUM. SHE ALSO SHARES HOW IMPORTANT THE BAND PROGRAM IS AND COMPLIMENTS BOTH MR. GOERING AND MR. BARNETT
- JENNY IS A BAND PARENT AND ECHOES WHAT THE PREVIOUS PARENTS HAVE SAID. SHE MENTIONS HOW SHE HAS WATCHED THE BAND PROGRAM GROW AND BECOME A FANTASTIC PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED. SHE MENTIONS THAT THE NEW ROOM HAS HIGH AND POSSIBLY DANGEROUS DECIBEL LEVELS. SHE ASKS WHY THE BAND MOVED ROOMS BEFORE THE NEW ROOM WAS READY TO ACCOMMODATE
- CHRIS IS ANOTHER BAND PARENT AT UNIVERSITY. HE SHARES HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS PARENTS STATEMENTS. HIS COMPLAINT IS WITH THE NEW RAMP IN THE BAND ROOM. HE STATES THAT THE RAMP IS TOO STEEP AND IS DANGEROUS TO WALK ON OR MOVE EQUIPMENT. HE ALSO SHARES THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE SAFETY AND QUESTIONS IF THE NUMBER OF EXITS IS ENOUGH FOR THE INCREASED NUMBER OF STUDENTS.
- AUSTIN IS A JUNIOR AT UNIVERSITY AND HAS BEEN A PART OF THE BAND SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE SHARES HIS FIRST HAND ACCOUNT IN BOTH ROOMS. HE SHARES HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO HEAR HIS TEACHERS DURING CLASS. HE ALSO SHARES HOW COMMUNITY IS A HUGE PART OF MAKING THE BAND PROGRAM WHAT IT IS. THE FACILITY HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. HE ALSO SHARES HIS SUPPORT FOR HIS BAND TEACHERS.
- MR. BARNETT IS ONE OF THE BAND TEACHERS AT UNIVERSITY AND STARTS OUT BY THANKING THE BOARD. HE CONTINUES BY SHARING HIS OWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC EXPERIENCE IN A HUGE PROGRAM. HE REMEMBERS HIS TEACHERS NOT GETTING ALONG WITH REGARDS TO DIFFERENT OPINIONS ABOUT BAND SPACE. HE WARNS ABOUT POSSIBLE REGRET AND WANTS THE MUSIC STUDENTS TO BE HEARD AND THEIR NEEDS MET.

5.0 SAFETY/SECURITY

- Dennis Lobato introduces himself and presents his recent highlights over the last few months. He starts with the importance of the access system in the school. There are two new doors added to the "fob" system in the main office and the security vestibule. He also shares future plans to integrate similar fob systems to the classroom doors. He continues with the new parking lot design with angled parking spots and enhanced crosswalks. He

shares how Mr. Butler's art class is going to paint the poles in the parking lot to make them more visible. He then shares the recent updates with our use of the Raptor system. Raptor and the "I love U Guys" Foundation are working together to make an emergency response protocol app which is very beneficial. He mentions several mitigations that will improve the drop-off times. Lastly, he shares his positive experience with the "I Love U Guys" evacuation drill today.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Superintendent Update

- Superintendent Weaver shares a few details about the band room situation. She shares that Mr. Barnett brought concerns about the middle school band room to her and shared possible safety issues. CDC guidelines were consulted and ceiling height was a major part of making a space safe. The facilities committee met and brainstormed current facility needs including but not limited to the band room. The band room was given priority due to its instructional purpose. Funds were earmarked and plans were drawn up. Plans changed and University was unable to build a new facility due to location complications. Plan B was to move to the new band room in the high school. There was construction to make accommodations for the band. The ramp was constructed to move two specific instruments and not to transport students. She also mentions that decibel levels are read according to cubic volume. With that in mind, the new space is actually twice as safe as the old band room. Even though it is safer, the acoustics still sound poorly. There have been meetings with acoustic engineers and the goal is to have those mitigations complete before an October deadline. In the meantime, the auditorium has become available to the band as a rehearsal space. She states that she is aware that the space is not ideal the way it currently is, but there are plans in place to make it functional. This was the best plan B for the short term and now it is time to make some long term fixes.
- Jennifer continues after the safety presentation and shares about a few more projects that happened over the summer. There was concrete poured for a new ramp on the North side of the home stadium. There is a new floor, as well as some other upgrades, in the patio and a new conference room where the entry waiting area was in the main building. New teacher orientation was a big success and Jennifer shares how well Rachel Weigle, the New Teacher Instructional Coach, did. Our new teachers this year bring over 120 years of experience which is amazing. The Bulldog Bash was also a huge success.

6.2 Principal's Update - Michael Mazurana

- Elementary teachers just completed new math and literacy training. 40 teachers came in during the summer to get that information. The teacher leadership group has been doing some good work regarding students who have dealt with trauma. They met all summer long to work through a book to better help these students. There is a huge fundraiser currently going on as well.

6.3 [Business Manager's Update](#)

7.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 Consent Agenda: Board members will be asked if they wish to discuss any issues listed on the Consent Agenda. If so, these items will be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed under Items for Action. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be voted on together.

7.1.1 [Personnel](#)

- Motion to approve consent agenda - Thomas (Carol) Passed

8.0 DISCUSSIONS

8.1 BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION

- RYAN STARTS THINGS OFF BY INTRODUCING A BOARD COMMUNICATION INFO PAGE. THIS PAGE OUTLINES HOW BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVE INFORMATION AND HOW THEY COMMUNICATE INFORMATION. HE ALSO DRAWS SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SECTION OUTLINING THE PROCEDURES AROUND DIFFERENT INCIDENTS. JENNIFER MENTIONS THAT THIS IS THE RESULT OF ONE OF HER GOALS THAT WERE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

8.2 BUILDING CORPORATION UPDATE

- ROD CONSTANCE, CHRIS HUGHES AND DANA JONES INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND SHARE ABOUT WHAT THE BUILDING CORPORATION DOES. THEY OWN THE LAND AND THE BUILDINGS, AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE BONDS. HE ALSO SHARES HIS SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD AND THE DIRECTION THAT THE BOARD IS HEADING. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ADDITIONS ARE ADDING VALUE TO THE SCHOOL. THEY ALL HAVE, OR HAVE HAD, KIDS IN THE SCHOOL SO THEY HAVE LOTS OF INTEREST IN BEING INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL. THEY ALSO RECEIVE OIL EMBERCEMENT WHICH IS THEN SHARED TO THE SCHOOL.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

9.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Ryan welcomes Jeremy Betz as the student rep to the board.

9.2 Communication from the Board

- Jeremy starts by saying that the start to the year has been smooth minus a few last minute hiccups.
- Scott says that he hears good reports from each of his kids. He also asks how quickly the board can come up with a long term solution for the band room.
- Eric shares how they just completed their 76th internship. Many of those have been UH students. He also explains how some new virtual sets are underway in the theater program.
- Justin gives a shout out to the people who put the back to school bash together.
- Amanda shares how she's excited to be back.
- Thomas is happy to see new faces.

9.3 Joint Use Report

- None

9.4 Capitol Planning Report

- Thomas is meeting with the civil engineer to draw up some plans for the new band room solutions.

9.5 Fundraising Report

- None

10.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

11.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:28 - THOMAS (ERIC) PASSED

DOCUMENT LINKS:

[ATTENDANCE SHEET](#)