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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Main Building Room 1414

Board Members Present: Scott Williams, A.J. Roche, Carol Riggs, Eric Fitzsimons, Jake Pierce, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Tim Ulrich, Amanda Widel, Frank Freeman, Taylor Rehurek (Student Rep)

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Weaver, David Jones, Michael Mazurana

6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Call to order 6:00

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - A.J. (CAROL) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 [JULY 1, 2024](#)

3.2 [AUGUST 7, 2024](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES - TIM (RYAN) PASSED

4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- NONE

5.0 STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Director Of Operations- Dennis Lobato

- Dennis Lobato starts things off by introducing two new security team members, Daniel Giles and Lindsey Fischer. Rob Lauppe is full time

now as well. He continues by sharing about a few security trainings that staff attended. One of the next priorities from the security team is to streamline traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. Internal security systems on the classroom doors is a project that is still going on. Mr. Lobato switches gears to summer operations and describes how a few facility projects wrapped up.

5.2 Technology Manager- Jeff Lemons

- Jeff Lemons, University's new IT Director, introduces himself and gives a little background. He then shares his introduction to the school and all of the projects that he's jumped into. He also explains a few future plans that will bring the school to the next level.

5.3 Principal's Update - Michael Mazurana

- Mr. M shares some fun elementary updates with the board. The main update is the new 1st grade classroom addition which allows University to have an additional kindergarten class. Elementary is also excited to have a few new teachers join the team. They were able to hire some para's as well. The kids are learning some new games through a program called Playworks. There's also a new flow to the lunchroom which has helped a bunch.

5.4 Superintendent's Update

- Superintendent Weaver starts things off by celebrating the start of the year. She thanks Ryan and Tim for raising money to pay for free t-shirts for everyone. Despite the weather, the first day of school was awesome. She thanks the band for lifting the mood during a rainy first day back. Mrs. Weaver gives Mr. Lobato a huge thank you for all of the projects he ran during the summer. The new Smart lab is up and running which is a great opportunity for our students. University has recruited a large number of new teachers and veteran teachers from other districts. Weaver thanks Mrs. Wiegler for running a successful new teacher orientation.
- Superintendent Weaver then transitions into a few priorities from the strategic plan that we are focusing on this year. Clear and consistent communication is the first priority we are working on by implementing ParentSquare. Wayfinder is the next system we are rolling out. Wayfinder is a program designed to keep parents current with what their students are engaging with in the school. This is a great opportunity for strengthening that partnership with parents. It's also a great way to learn what you can do at home to develop student's life skills.

5.5 [Business Manager's Update](#)

6.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 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.

6.1.1 [Personnel](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA - RYAN (A.J.) PASSED

7.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 TITLE IX UPDATES

- MRS. WEAVER WALKS THE BOARD THROUGH A FEW CHANGES TO THE TITLE IX LAWS. SHE MENTIONS THAT TITLE IX IS SOMETHING THAT WE FOLLOW DISTRICT 6 POLICIES. DISTRICT 6 STAFF ALSO HANDLES ANY OF OUR TITLE IX CASES. THE TWO BIGGEST CHANGES IN COLORADO ARE INVESTIGATION TIMELINES AND CRITERIA FOR A FORMAL TITLE IX CASE - “SEVERE AND PERVASIVE.”

8.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

8.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Justin shares that his kids loved the Back to School Bash and he also welcomes all of the new teachers to the school.

8.2 Communication from the Board

- Taylor (student rep) mentions that Wayfinder had a positive start for the students and suggests more instructions and clearer communication.
- Scott just says thank you to all the staff for all their hard work.
- A.J. says it's been a fun start to the school year for his two elementary kids and he's excited for the year.
- Carol shares her appreciation for Taylor and her involvement as a student rep. She also mentions how the food pantry is up and running which is an exciting opportunity for the community.
- Eric mentions how summer is always exciting due to all of the interns he works with. They are working on a big farming project in Kenya which is really exciting. He's got a candy maker project going on as well which sounds delicious.
- Jake thanks everyone who put on the Back to School Bash. He's excited to be back in a routine.

- Frank shares how he and Carol hosted a table at the Back to School Bash and tried to stay cool in the hot weather. Football has record numbers which is exciting for the school.
- Tim mentions how well the Bash went and the foundation was able to collect a lot of parent signups. He also mentions that the golf tournament needs a few more sponsors.
- Amanda (faculty rep) gives Jeffery Gerwig a shoutout for all of his help with chromebooks in the classrooms.
- Ryan says how it's good to be back. His kids are now in Middle School which is a new adventure.

8.3 Joint Use Report

- The AC units have been delayed until the end of September and the roof is in process.

8.4 Capitol Planning Report

- The committee revisited some of their plans and are setting up another meeting.

8.5 Fundraising Report

- Ryan gives Tim a shout out for jumping in and helping a lot. There is a golf tournament coming up which is exciting, and the Foundation recruited a lot of sponsors to help with the Bash. Ryan also mentions that the foundation is creating a big push for leadership members to donate to the school as well.

9.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

- Possible cell phone policy

10.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

10.1 BOARD RETREAT - AUGUST 23, 2024, 9AM -11AM

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move that the Board of Education convene in executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (d), an investigation related to possible Board Director violation of confidentiality, FERPA and/or CORA.

- 11.1 motion to enter executive session at 7:30 - Justin (Ryan) Passed
- People present: Scott Williams, A.J. Roche, Carol Riggs, Eric Fitzsimons, Jake Pierce, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Tim Ulrich, Amanda Widell, Frank Freeman, Jennifer Weaver

- Adjourned executive session at 9:09

12.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

12.1 Motion to remove Frank Freeman as Co-Chair - Carol (Amanda)

Passed

- (Motion Passes 8-2) Ayes: Scott Williams, Carol Riggs, Eric Fitzsimons, Jake Pierce, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Tim Ulrich, Amanda Widel
- Opposed: A.J. Roche, Frank Freeman

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:10 - CAROL (RYAN) PASSED