



# UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS

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## MEETING MINUTES

### UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
Main Building Room 1414

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

Staff Present: Jennifer Weaver, Sue Toricelli, David Jones, Jeff Casey, Kyle Schuyler

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#### 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 - ERIC (JAKE) PASSED

##### 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 3.1 [SEPTEMBER 11, 2024](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE - RYAN (JAKE) PASSED

#### 4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- GEORGE THOMPSON DISCUSSES THE JR. BULLDOGS AND SHARES THAT THEY MIGHT BE ENDING THE PROGRAM. HE ALSO SHARES THAT THERE ARE SOME PARENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO KEEP THE PROGRAM GOING.

#### 5.0 USPTO & JUNIOR BULLDOGS

- None

#### 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

##### 6.1 Principal's Update - Jeff Casey

- Theater production coming up, speech and debate is working hard, and knowledge bowl is up and running as well. The Homecoming pep rally was a huge success with a lot of participation. The dance had about 380 participants and every kid was able to participate. Dates for things like graduation are set and ParentSquare is becoming more consistent for sending out updates to families. The High School has a wide variety of student-run clubs that are up and running. Many schools are stepping away from clubs.

##### 6.3 Superintendent's Update

- Jennifer Weaver kicks things off by talking about middle school sports. 7th grade football finished 2nd, and 7th grade volleyball won their league game as well. The band concert went well and cross country finished their season with a league meet hosted at University. High school marching band won their first competition. Esports is up and running. The rest of the fall sports are competing, or preparing for post season games. We also just finished the 1st quarter. We had a lot of fun at the Elementary track meet and there were lots of parents who came out to cheer on their kids. USPTO had great participation with their Big Kahuna fundraiser. Homecoming had great participation throughout the week. Around eighty people attended the distinguished alumni celebration and many of them went on the school tours. Conferences are going well as well as the perception survey.

##### 6.4 [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 the consent agenda - AJ (Carol)  
Passed

## 8.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

### 8.1 BOARD APPOINTMENT

- MOTION TO APPROVE A.J.'S TERM EXTENSION INTO TIM ULRICH'S REMAINING TERM - RYAN (CAROL) PASSED

### 8.2 BOARD INTERVIEWS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT

- KRISTI NOVAK IS THE FIRST NOMINEE TO INTERVIEW FOR THE POSITION. SHE BEGINS BY DESCRIBING HER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERING AT A LOCAL CHURCH. AS A BOARD MEMBER, SHE WOULD PRIORITIZE COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES. AS A BOARD MEMBER WHO IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS, SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING IN AN OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVE TO THE BOARD.
- JESSICA ANDERSON DESCRIBES HER CONNECTION TO UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS SEVERAL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND SCHOOL AND THEY CAME OVER FROM FRONTIER THIS YEAR. THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SPORTS PRIOR TO THAT. SHE WOULD PROMOTE COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION BY BRINGING HER SKILLS FROM STATE FARM TO THE BOARD. SHE BELIEVES THAT THE ROLE OF A BOARD MEMBER IS TO MAINTAIN A SAFE PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION.
- ETHAN MILES BEGINS BY EXPLAINING HOW HE WOULD BALANCE BEING A BOARD MEMBER AND THE SPOUSE OF A TEACHER. HE STATES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HEAR BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE. HE WOULD DEMONSTRATE ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION BY FIRST REALIZING THAT THE BOARD SPEAKS WITH ONE VOICE. HE WOULD ENGAGE PARENTS WITH THE BOARD'S VOICE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. HE STATES THAT THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING POLICIES THAT SUPPORT THE SUPERINTENDENT.
- ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT THE NEW BOARD MEMBER
- MOTION TO APPOINT JESSICA ANDERSON - AJ (JAKE)
  - AJ - YES

- CAROL - No
- FRANK - YES
- ERIC - No
- JUSTIN - YES
- JAKE - YES
- RYAN - YES
- AMANDA - No
- MOTION PASSES TO APPOINT JESSICA ANDERSON AS A 1-YEAR BOARD MEMBER

## 8.2 RESCHEDULE 10/25/24 WORK SESSION

- MEMBERS DECIDE TO RESCHEDULE THE 10/25/24 WORK SESSION TO 11/22/24 AT 8:00 AM.

## 9.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

### 9.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Justin talks about how he and his family enjoyed homecoming activities. He also welcomes Jessica to the board.

### 9.2 Communication from the Board

- Taylor shares how she enjoyed the Friday Fun day during Homecoming and got to reconnect with some friends. She's been getting a lot of questions from other students about concurrent enrollment. She also shares her excitement about wayfinder.
- AJ had a lot of fun seeing all the spirit days during homecoming and the elementary track meet.
- Carol is looking forward to attending the High School play.
- Frank had a lot of fun during the staff vs senior tough guy volleyball game during Homecoming. He also spent some time in the High School and heard about a few projects from Mr. Casey.
- Eric had a great internship program breakfast at D-6. Numbers are back up which is really exciting. The CTE trailer is finished and might be a great opportunity for the Middle School.
- Jake enjoyed all the homecoming activities and thanked all the staff for putting it together.
- Ryan also talks about the homecoming week. He enjoyed being a part of the distinguished alumni celebration. He also welcomes Jessica.

- Amanda thanks USPTO for providing lunch in the middle of conferences. She also wants to thank parents for attending the middle school book fair.

9.3 Joint Use Report

9.4 Capitol Planning Report

9.5 Foundation Report

- The foundation golf tournament was a big success and every team spot was filled. They raised over \$10,000 during the fundraiser.

10.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

11.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 13, 2024

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:09 - RYAN (ERIC) PASSED