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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Main Building Room 1414

Members Present: A.J. Roche, Carol Riggs, Eric Fitzsimons, Jessica Anderson, Scott Williams, Frank Freeman, Amanda Widel, Ryan Mayeda
Staff Present: Jennifer Weaver, Sue Toricelli, David Jones, Mike 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 ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF PERSONNEL UNDER CONSENT AGENDA - RYAN (AJ) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 [OCTOBER 9, 2024](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES - ERIC (AMANDA) PASSED

4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- ALLISON REECE CAME BY TO SHARE ABOUT THE UPCOMING GIVING TREE PROJECT AND INVITED THE MEMBERS TO SPREAD THE WORD TO GET INVOLVED.

5.0 STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Director Of Operations

- Dennis Lobato shares some security and operations updates. The school practiced the lockdown drill this afternoon. He shares how practice is beneficial for everyone involved to see how the procedure works and go through all the possible scenarios. It's also a good chance to test the communication channels. New traffic patterns in the Middle School are underway and they are receiving positive feedback. Mr. Lobato continues to celebrate several members of his security team. Security personnel will have the opportunity for more training coming up as well. The team is also implementing new systems for home game security as well. Several facility projects are underway at well including the final steps for the new roof and concrete around the track.

5.2 Technology Manager

- Jeff Lemons presents his strategic plan for the board regarding technology upgrades. Account security, outdated hardware systems, and wifi connectivity are all priorities in his upcoming plan. He then walks the board through each step of the process starting with easy and inexpensive fixes. These include password complexity guidelines to increase cybersecurity. He then shares a few new upgrades including new login badges for students and staff, software protection and network segmentation. Wifi planning and new cloud management systems are also included. The last steps in his plan include fundraising for these new projects.

5.3 Principal's Update - Mr. Mazurana

- Mike Mazurana shares a few Elementary updates with the board. He starts things off by celebrating Alison Reece and how many jobs and tasks she has taken over. He then shares his excitement for how well our students are doing in activities. The kids in Elementary are applying their skills when they grow up into Middle and High school and that's fun to see. USPTO grants are finished and they allotted \$20,000 to projects. Elementary will start their council again for grades 3-5 in January. A penny war started by a senior project has made its way down to the Elementary school and all of the students are excited. Field trips are still a priority and are a really fun opportunity for the students. Discipline has been a recent focus

in Elementary as well. Documenting and categorizing situations has been a recent focus. Elementary staff are working hard to develop the right systems to best benefit the students.

5.4 Superintendent's Update

- Superintendent Weaver starts by showing October's celebration video. She then continues by celebrating that we will receive a substantial amount from the BEST grant. She celebrates all of the individuals who worked really hard to get the grant. That grant will fund a few more facility upgrades. A possible project could be the expansion of the Elementary cafeteria. Another possibility might be a multipurpose space.

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.

- Ryan motions to amend the agenda and add the consent agenda - AJ (Passed)
- Personnel

7.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

7.1 WELCOMING JESSICA ANDERSON ([BOARD AGREEMENTS](#))

7.1.1 [OATH OF OFFICE](#)

7.2 [AUDIT PRESENTATION](#)

8.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

8.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Scott Williams gives a report as vice-chair. He shares his gratitude for being a part of the University Community. He also shares that MTSS is focussing on student attendance and working to build procedures and policies to help with that.

8.2 Communication from the Board

- AJ shares his excitement for all of the encouraging reports.

- Carol shares her appreciation for Scott leading the community dialogue well. She also shares her excitement about watching the recent play.
- Eric shares that his daughter mentioned that the colorguard is growing rapidly. He's also constantly looking for more community opportunities for our kids.
- Jessica shares her excitement about being on the board.
- Frank
- Amanda shares her appreciation for all of the parents in the middle school who signed the new chromebook agreements.
- Ryan shares his excitement for watching the marching band continue to grow and do well.

8.3 Joint Use Report

- In the process of setting up their next meeting

8.4 Capitol Planning Report

- The committee met last week and might shift gears to discuss the possible cafeteria expansion.

8.5 Foundation Report

- Nothing

9.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

- Treasurer election during the December meeting

10.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2024

- WORK SESSION - NOVEMBER 22, 2024

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:35 - CAROL (RYAN) PASSED