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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Main Building Room 1414

Members present: A.J. Roche, Carol Riggs, Eric Fitzsimons, Jake Pierce, Scott Williams, Justin Nelson, Jessica Anderson, Frank Freeman, Amanda Widel, Ryan Mayeda

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

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 MOVING THE HEAD COACHING POSITION TO ITEM 7.2 - AJ (RYAN) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTE

3.1 [FEBRUARY 12, 2025](#)

3.2 [FEBRUARY 21, 2025](#)

3.3 [MARCH 3, 2025](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES - SCOTT (JAKE) PASSED
- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21 - ERIC (CAROL) PASSED
- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3RD - CAROL (AJ) PASSED

4.0 Booster Club & Principal's Update - Kyle Schuyler

- Mr. Whitcomb presents the Booster club financial report to the board. They are looking to recruit more volunteers during the freshman orientation. They are also looking to award several scholarships to seniors. They are wrapping up winter concessions. Finally, they are getting ready to appoint new board members.
- Kyle Schuyler gives the update from the Middle School. First, he gives an update regarding the social studies position. The long term sub has moved classrooms and someone else has filled that position. The middle school is also filling a new position in the stem lab. Middle school winter sports are wrapping up and their season finished really well. Spring sports are up and running with a lot of kids signing up. Battle of the Books is right around the corner and the middle school is sending a couple of great teams to compete. They also have brain bowl up and running. 7 kids competed in the recent spelling bee. There's a band concert on Thursday. 47 kids have their artwork displayed in the community. At the end of April, an author will come by the middle school and present one of their books.

5.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- LYNNE PARRISH IS THE FIRST PARENT TO SPEAK AND SHE SHARES ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER VOLLEYBALL ATHLETE. SHE MENTIONS CONSISTENT BULLYING THROUGHOUT SEVERAL YEARS. SHE SHARES A FEW STORIES FROM A FEW DIFFERENT FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH VOLLEYBALL WHILE JARED RUDIGER COACHED. SHE OUTLINES SEVERAL INSTANCES OF VERBAL BULLYING AND FORCING KIDS TO PLAY THROUGH INJURIES. SHE SHARES THE FRUSTRATION OF SEEING ATHLETES BEING DISCOURAGED AND NOT TREATING THEIR ATHLETES WITH RESPECT. SHE THEN ADDRESSES THE OTHER PARENTS IN THE ROOM AND URGES THEM TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE SHOES OF THESE KIDS.
- NICHOLE LAUER IS THE NEXT PARENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. SHE SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF HER DAUGHTER WHO IS A SOPHOMORE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER AT UNIVERSITY. SHE TELLS THE STORY OF HER DAUGHTER'S EXPERIENCE ON VARSITY DURING HER FRESHMAN YEAR. THEY ATTRIBUTE THEIR FUN AND WELCOMING SEASON TO COACH RUDIGER. SHE STATES THAT COACH RUDIGER TRULY CARES ABOUT HIS ATHLETES ON AND OFF THE COURT. SHE TRUSTS RUDIGER AND STATES THAT HE LEFT A BIG HOLE LAST YEAR. SHE SHARES THAT HE HAS BUILT AN ATMOSPHERE OF TEAMWORK AND SUPPORT FOR HIS ATHLETES.
- JACOB SHEPARD IS THE NEXT PARENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. HE SHARES THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE FELT WELCOMED IN THE VOLLEYBALL FAMILY. HE STATES THAT COACH RUDIGER EQUIPS HIS ATHLETES WITH TOOLS AND CHARACTERISTICS THAT THEY WILL TAKE WITH THEM AFTER GRADUATION. HE SPEAKS ABOUT COACH

RUDIGER'S SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, AND ABOUT THE PROFOUND IMPACT THAT COACH RUDIGER HAD ON HIS ATHLETES. HE ALSO SHARES HIS VAST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THAT THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH. HE SHARES HOW HIS DAUGHTER HAS EXCELLED AND DEMONSTRATED SKILLS THAT SHE LEARNED FROM COACH RUDIGER.

- RYAN LAUER IS THE NEXT PRESENT TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD. HIS DAUGHTER HAS PLAYED FOR COACH RUDIGER SINCE SHE WAS 9 YEARS OLD. HE SPEAKS ABOUT THE PROFOUND IMPACT THAT HE HAS ON HIS ATHLETES AND THAT HAS MADE HIM ONE OF THE MOST COVETED COACHES IN NORTHERN COLORADO VOLLEYBALL. HE SPEAKS ABOUT THE MOTIVATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY THAT HE HOLDS HIS ATHLETES TO. HE SPEAKS HIGHLY OF COACH RUDIGER'S IN-GAME CHANGES, COACHING STYLE AND WINNING MENTALITY. RYAN SHARES ABOUT COACH RUDIGER'S VAST EXPERIENCE AND CONNECTIONS AS WELL AS HIS WINNING RECORD. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE BOARD RE-HIRE JARED RUDIGER AS THE NEW HEAD COACH.
- ALI THORPE IS THE NEXT PARENT TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD. SHE SHARES HER APPRECIATION FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK THAT THE BOARD HAS DONE ON THIS ISSUE. SHE SHARES HER DAUGHTER'S EXPERIENCE PLAYING FOR COACH RUDIGER. HER DAUGHTER WROTE A LETTER TALKING ABOUT COACH RUDIGER AND HAD HER MOM READ IT TO THE BOARD. SHE SHARES THAT JARED IS A SERIOUS AND COMPETITIVE COACH. CARLY AND OTHER ATHLETES STRUGGLED WITH THE INTENSITY AND TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT. SHE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT COACH RUDIGER WORKED TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR EACH OF HIS PLAYERS. SHE SHARES HOW CONNECTED HE IS TO HIS ATHLETES AND HOW STRONG THEIR RELATIONSHIPS ARE.
- BROOKE HOLLINGSHEAD IS THE NEXT PARENT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. HER DAUGHTER WILL BE A SENIOR NEXT YEAR ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM. SHE SHARES THAT COACH RUDIGER'S COACHING STYLE WAS ONE THAT PROMOTES EACH OF HIS ATHLETES. AND EVEN THOUGH HE IS A TOUGH COACH, HE ALSO BUILDS UP HIS PLAYERS EVEN IF THEY MIGHT BE ON JV OR THE C TEAM. HER DAUGHTER HAD A POOR EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR WITHOUT COACH RUDIGER A PART OF THE TEAM. SHE SHARES HER FULL SUPPORT OF JARED RUDIGER.
- MATT FINN IS THE NEXT PARENT WHO ADDRESSES THE BOARD. HIS DAUGHTER TRANSFERRED TO UNIVERSITY AS A JUNIOR. SHE WAS WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS BY BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM. HE SHARES THAT JARED CARED ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER'S VOLLEYBALL ABILITY AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. HE MENTIONS THAT RUDIGER WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND WORKED HARD TO REACH OUT TO COLLEGES TO PROMOTE HER TO THE NEXT LEVEL. HE ALSO PRIORITIZED THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF HIS ATHLETES. HER COLLEGE COACH HAS PRAISED HIS DAUGHTER'S LEADERSHIP SKILLS ON HER COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

TEAM. JARED DOES A GREAT JOB OF DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT JUST VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS. MATT AND HIS WIFE HEARD NOTHING BUT HOW MUCH COACH RUDIGER POURED INTO HIS TEAM.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Superintendent's Update

6.2 [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](#)

7.1.2 Speech and Debate National Tournament

- Motion to approve consent agenda - Ryan (AJ) Passed

7.2 Volleyball Head Coach Position

- Motion to appoint Jared Rudiger as head volleyball coach - Ryan (Carol)
 - A.J. No
 - Carol Yes
 - Eric Yes
 - Jake No
 - Scott Yes
 - Justin Yes
 - Jessica No
 - Frank No
 - Ryan Yes
 - MOTION PASSES

8.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

8.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Justin talks about his positive experience reading to the elementary during Read Across America and speaks about how awesome it was.
- Junior Bulldogs has appointed new board members who will keep the program going. Justin encourages each of the parents to spread the word and get involved.

8.2 Communication from the Board

- AJ shares that his kids also enjoyed read across america
- Carol shares about the positive attendance during the USPTO meeting.
- Eric talks about the Color Guard showcase and how much the team has grown. He also shares about an upcoming entrepreneur challenge open to high school students. That'll be a great opportunity for university students who are interested in starting their own businesses.
- Jake also shares his enjoyment of the color guard event.
- Scott shares his excitement for hearing about all of the different involvement opportunities.
- Jessica is looking forward to the baseball season
- Frank shares his appreciation for how the school provides motivation and support for struggling students. He also had a blast participating in Read Across America.
- Ryan talks about a great middle school wrestling season and is looking forward to a band concert.

8.3 Joint Use Report

- None

8.4 Capitol Planning Report

- AJ shares about another option regarding the construction

8.5 Foundation Report

- None

9.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

10.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 9, 2025

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:08 - RYAN (JAKE) PASSED