

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
THE UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL BOARD
April 11, 2007
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Kent Keel
Paul Koppe
Rick Maloney
Ray Tennison

Member Excused: Mary Lu Dickinson

Student Representatives Present: Alison Johnson
Erika Koch

Call to Order

Board President Rick Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm at the Educational Service Center. He led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments

Ken Paulson, a former resident of University Place, reported he read the article in the News Tribune regarding the new junior high school, and was concerned about possible reduction of vocational classrooms. He said his son found new inspiration in school when he reached the junior high and took metal shop. "That was the key thing that turned the lights on," said Mr. Paulson. "The other stuff wasn't so bad because he got to go to metal shop," he added. He son kept on taking vocational classes and now is attending an engineering college in Texas. Mr. Paulson stated he wanted to give the Board his perspective on electives and how important they are to some students.

Consent Agenda

Paul Koppe moved, Ray Tennison seconded, and the motion carried to approve items on the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda included:

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the special meeting of the board held on March 28, 2007.

New Certificated Hires

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Effective
Melanie Ryalls	Math Teacher	CJH	1.0	5/1/07
Sangston, Nadine	Math Teacher	CHS	1.0	9/1/07
Slagel-Johnson, Kellie	SLP	ESC	.8	4/16/07

New Classified Hires

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Simons, Renate	Sp Ed Para	NVI	3/26/07

The Board of Directors approved the February 2007 Budget Report.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Kirstin Brent, teacher, effective 6/22/07.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Frederick Gereb, biology teacher at Curtis High School, effective 6/22/07.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Marilyn Lewis, teacher at Sunset Primary School, effective 6/22/07, for the purpose of retirement.

The Board of Directors approved a leave of absence for the 2007/2008 school year for Liesl Mefford, teacher at Narrows View Intermediate School.

The Board of Directors approved of absence for the 2007/2008 school year for teacher Ruth Iwamoto.

The Board of Directors approved a .3 FTE leave of absence for the 2007/2008 school year for Maile Carr, teacher at Curtis Junior High School.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of band teacher John DePalatis effective June 22, 2007.

The Board of Directors accepted the Health and Fitness Committee report and the Linkage Advisory Committee report.

Voucher Approval

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board.

Fund	Warrant Numbers	Amount
General Fund Warrants	53743 – 53749	28,690.03
General Fund Warrants	53750 – 53759	37,186.97
General Fund Warrants	53760 – 53919	271,757.95
Associated Student Body Fund Warrants	10044 – 10075	20,093.90
Capital Projects Fund	768	5,080.00

Assurance of Organizational Performance

Superintendent's Update

Andrew Eyres, Curtis High School assistant principal, was substituting for Superintendent Patti Banks while she attended the American Education Research Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Board Development

Discussion of NSBA Presentation

Rick Maloney showed the power point presentation he will be delivering at the National School Board Association Conference in San Francisco next week. He asked for input and suggestions from the other Board members.

Policy Review

E-2 Academic Competence

The Board discussed the draft of the E-2 policy, and how advanced placement class participation and test results should be included. Questions/discussion included: Is it possible to make taking the AP test mandatory? - Costs of taking the test – Participation is subject specific – What is the criteria for success? – More AP classes being offered.

Andrew Eyres said he would supply the Board with information on AP class enrollment, the number of students who take the AP exams, and exam results.

Kent Keel moved, Ray Tension seconded, and the motion carried to adopt the modified E-2 Academic Competence policy.

Community Linkage

The Board members and student representatives reflected on the linkage meeting held on March 28, 2007 with Curtis High School students. They heard students say: CHS has dedicated teachers; the change to 6 period days bothered them; students are stressed fitting in extra-curricular opportunities along with the schedule change; relationships with teachers make a difference; connectedness with teachers/school is important; and, longer class periods would allow more time for labs.

In the linkage with students at Narrows View Intermediate, the Board heard students say they didn't like bad language, they missed the leadership program, and don't like it when adult supervisors don't see misbehaving students.

May 23, 2007 Linkage

The next linkage is on Policy E-4 Health and Fitness. Andrew Eyres will invite the members of the Health and Fitness Committee to attend the linkage and report on their work.

Susan Schmidt was asked to invite members of the Linkage Committee to the May 9th Board meeting.

Board Assessment of Meeting

Ray Tennison assessed the meeting.

Announcements

The Board talked about the WASL changes being discussed by the State legislature and how they would effect UPSD students. They also talked about the interventions offered for those who fail to meet test standards.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

PATTI BANKS, SECRETARY

Board of Directors

RICK MALONEY, PRESIDENT

Board of Directors

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