

Underhill I.D. School Board

Meeting Minutes (approved)
Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Underhill ID Elementary School, Jericho

Present: Robert Letovsky (Chair), Jessica Dion, Leslie Kanat, Tari Santor, Co-Superintendent John Alberghini, and Principal Cindy Mackin.

Public: none

Invited: Mary Bassett and Holly Hall

1) Public Comment

None.

2) Principal's Report

NECAP data will be released later this week; visiting teacher intern from China starts next week; the H1N1 Clinic at the UID occurred as planned; and there are numerous ongoing events.

3) Superintendent's Report

- Governance Study Committee: intention is to release the report in early April 2010; Executive Committee will look at the Phase 1 report (current structure, efficiency, expanding opportunity for student, effect on tax rate, placement of fifth graders, sharing and placement of staff) and determine if CESU should pursue Phase 2; Phase 1 report will be reviewed by all school board members. Phase 2 will evaluate the distribution of debt, transportation, board make-up, and asset allocation. There may be financial incentives coming from the legislature for combining school districts.
- Comparative Data: The UID is in the middle of the sequence of teacher/student ratios yet ranks high on the 2007-08 expenditures per FTE student in the CESU, although is relatively low when compared to school districts around the state.
- School District audit: The Board reviewed the audited financial statements submitted by Fothergill Segale & Valley; the auditors had no recommendations and did not find any deficiencies in internal control or instances of non-compliance of laws.

4) Consent Agenda

- Minutes of 22 December 2009: no changes.
- Approval of monthly bills for \$25,782.64.
- CESU Committee reports on Consent Agenda: Negotiating Committee proposed a two-year contract with a 3.1% increase in the first year and salary freeze in second year. A clause was added to remove the automatic step increase. Interest was expressed at the Executive Committee to implement Policy Governance that enable boards to be more effective and focused on outcomes for policy and procedures.

Leslie Kanat moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Jessica Dion seconded.

Action: Approved.

5) Finalize Annual Report

Board members provided suggestions and modifications to a draft of the Annual Report prepared by Robert Letovsky.

6) Review and approve the Annual Meeting Warning

Leslie Kanat moved to approve and accept the 2010 Annual Meeting Warning as written; Robert Letovsky seconded.

Action: Approved.

7) Approve the 2010-11 tuition rate

Tari Santor moved to approve 2010-11 tuition rate of \$9,665; Robert Letovsky seconded.

Action: Approved.

8) Article for Mountain Gazette

Submit a modified version of the UID Annual Report for the upcoming Mountain Gazette; a future article can summarize the Annual Meeting.

9) Other business

The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (DRML) wants to expand the building (children's room, meeting room, and collections) and increase the parking space. These changes would require the acquisition of some of the property owned by the UID; CESU will provide DRML with property boundary maps. DRML is supported by both Underhill and Jericho. There are no formal plans or architectural drawings in place. The UID will be kept informed about the progress of DRML planning.

10) Executive Session: Title I, sec 313(a)1,3 Personnel, Negotiations

The UID Board entered into executive session for discussion regarding personnel and negotiations at 8:53 p.m. and came out of executive session at 9:03 p.m.

11) Anticipated Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Prepare for the annual meeting
- NECAP results

The next UID Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 February 2010 at the UID Elementary School.

Robert Letovsky moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.; Jessica Dion seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Kanat