

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL REGULAR MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2016**

1. The Regular Meeting of the University Preparatory School Board was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Karen Hatter, Board President. Board members present were Mike Stuart, Susan Saephanh, Mike Littau and Sue Brix. Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson and School Business Manager Molly Schlange were also present.
2. Karen Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. There were no comments from the public on agenda items.
4. Mike Stuart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Sue Brix seconded the motion, unanimously approved.
5. Public Forum: Former Superintendent/Principal and U-Prep Founder Erin Stuart addressed the Board regarding misconceptions made in the press about the mission and culture of University Preparatory School. Mrs. Stuart began her presentation sharing the reasons why U-Prep was developed. She reflected upon her previous experience as Principal at College Connection, and discussed her professional belief that what separated the education students were experiencing through College Connection in comparison to a comprehensive high school was intentional personal and academic support. She realized that the success students were having was because of the relationships and academic support that was accessible within the College Connection program. Wanting that for all students, Mrs. Stuart and former Shasta Union High School District Superintendent Mike Stuart created U-Prep as a public charter under the premise that the school would provide an academically rigorous curriculum inclusive to all students; the idea was to create a close-knit community of teachers/advisors who could support their social-emotional needs of all students who wanted access to a college prep program. U-Prep was for those students who otherwise not have likely had access to a rigorous and small, personalized school environment. The ultimate goal was that the education provided would mirror that of a private school. One of the priorities during the founding of U-Prep was that the staff have a genuine love for children, and that all that was required from the student was that they be hard-working. Mrs. Stuart further outlined steps taken to make U-Prep available to all students, but particular attention was paid to underserved areas of the community; she cited the provision for transportation as an example of this.
6. Superintendent/Principal Report
 1. Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson shared plaques that were created to recognize past service from former Board members. Mrs. Peterson next presented a book entitled Cradle to College, written by Lianne Boren. U-Prep received 500 copies, made possible through a grant with the McConnell Foundation. The books will be provided as a support tool to families attending U-Prep's College 101 presentation. Mrs. Peterson went on to reference an editorial she had written for the U-Prep Newsletter that was also submitted to the Redding Record Searchlight. Mrs. Peterson outline various activities included in the March Newsletter, specifically U-Prep's recent 1st place victory at Science Bowl, dress code information, Career Day and Open House. She followed her

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Newsletter report with an update on U-Prep's athletics and the February Conference report.

7. ACTION ITEMS

8. Administrative – Action

1. Sue Brix made a motion approve the 2016-2017 U-Prep Academic Calendar as proposed, Susan Saephanh seconded the motion, unanimously approved.
2. Sue Brix made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 U-Prep Board Meeting Dates as proposed, Mike Littau seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

9. Business – Action

1. Sue Brix made a motion to approve the certification of Corrective Action for the 2015-2015 Audit Finding.
2. Sue Brix made a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Interim Budget, Mike Littau seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

10. CLOSING

There were no future agenda items to be added.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Sue Brix thanked Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson for the professional manner in which she conducted herself during a tumultuous time period for U-Prep. In return, Mrs. Peterson thanked the Board for their support. Board President Karen Hatter thanked Brian Murphy and Cory Poole for their outstanding efforts involved with the Science Bowl competition and subsequent 1st place award. Mrs. Hatter added that the Science Bowl students are remarkable as well. Sue Brix wished to thank you U-Prep Registrar Sandy Lanzi for her proficiency and professionalism during the U-Prep Lottery event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Sue Brix moved to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:21 p.m.