

UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

SLC BOARD ROOM

2200 EUREKA WAY

REDDING, CA 96001

1. Board President Mike Littau called the Regular Meeting of the University Preparatory School Board to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members Susan Saephanh and Sue Brix were present. Board Members Mike Stuart and Trent Copland were absent. Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson and School Business/HR Manager Molly Schlange were also present.

2. OPENING BUSINESS

- 2.1 Board President Mike Littau led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leah Robison informed the Board that she cannot have her children remain at U-Prep should the mandate stand. Ms. Robison provided documents supporting her stance in opposition to the Coronavirus vaccination mandate.

Schuyler Wilson implored the Board to stand up to tyranny and to take a position on the mandate so that parents know how to base their decisions regarding their students' education.

Stephanie Wilson thanked the Board and Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson for their efforts and service. Ms. Wilson stated that she has two children attending U-Prep who are active in sports. While Ms. Wilson is sympathetic to the school's circumstances, she would like the Board to understand her students' plight in the event they are not to attend school should they remain unvaccinated. Ms. Wilson asked the Board to take an oppositional stance to the mandate.

U-Prep Music Teacher Elizabeth Johnson spoke in support of the Coronavirus vaccination mandate. Ms. Johnson disagrees with Resolution 2-2021 and asked that it be tabled.

Randy Walters stated that he is the parent of two children at U-Prep, who truly love the school, but he has no intention of participating in forced vaccination and will make other arrangements for their education if necessary.

Ashley Rudolph stated that California will pay a high price should the Coronavirus vaccine mandate stay in place. Ms. Rudolph believes that choice should be maintained in regards to whether a person chooses to vaccinate or not, adding that the mandate is unnecessary. Ms. Rudolph requested to know what the Board's stance on the mandate is and that if the Board chooses to support the mandate then the Board should mandate itself.

Jayne Millsap-Unger stated that she lost her husband this year to the COVID vaccine and feels that allowing people to choose whether or not to receive the vaccine is the correct stance.

Keri Sudberry stated that while she is a proponent of vaccinations, she does not support the mandate. Ms. Sudberry thanked the Board for their service and stated that she does not envy

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the position that schools and school Boards are in during the pandemic. Ms. Sudberry urged the Board to say no to the mandate.

Jeremy Robison stated that there are things that don't make sense such as only testing unvaccinated people when vaccinated people can still contract COVID, also that if you have had COVID then there is no need to vaccinate.

Julie Patterson stated that she does not agree with the mandate due to the risks of the Coronavirus vaccine. Ms. Patterson believes more research needs to be done .

Board President Mike Littau thanked the public for their comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS/ORDER

That the Board approve the agenda items/order, as presented.

Motion – Brix

Second – Saephanh

Ayes – Brix, Saephanh, Littau

Carried – 3-0

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

That the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion – Brix

Second – Saephanh

Ayes – Brix, Saephanh, Littau

Carried – 3-0

6. REPORTS

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT

Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson acknowledged the kindness and thoughtfulness of two U-Prep families (the Mullen family and the Kopania family), one of whom provided lunch for the staff and another who delivered baked treats for the staff. Mrs. Peterson reported that U-Prep will host two separate Enrollment Information presentations (6th grade and 7th-12th grade) on Thursday, November 18, with a virtual option for families on November 20th. Mrs. Peterson shared highlights of the November newsletter, specifically Fall Spirit Week and the activities related to that event. Assistant Principal Rochelle Angley followed with a report on fall sports as many teams are entering into playoff season. Ms. Angley gave kudos to the entire coaching staff and Athletic Director Steven Schuster. Assistant Principal Monica Cabral completed the administrative report with an update on recent VAPA (visual and performing arts) and

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ASB events, including the AP and Honors Art display at Sweetspot, fall homecoming, the carnival and Haunted Hallways.

6.2 BUSINESS REPORT

School Business/HR Manager Molly Schlange reported there are no significant fiscal updates related to the Education Budget at this time while she awaits the report from the Legislative Analyst's Office to emerge. Mrs. Schlange stated that the 1st Interim Budget will be available at the December Board meeting and that the U-Prep budget remains on target.

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE – ACTION/DISCUSSION

7.1.1 Board Resolution No. 2-2021: Local Control During Health Emergencies and Position on Mandatory Vaccinations Against the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus (ACTION/DISCUSSION)

Superintendent/Principal Shelle Peterson provided background information on the COVID-19 vaccine mandate preceding Board discussion on Item 7.1.1. Mrs. Peterson stated that language, in the form of a Board Resolution, was developed in conjunction with the Board President to publicly convey Board perspective on the matter of local control and the COVID-19 mandate. Board President Mike Littau led the discussion by dissection of each point put forth within the Resolution. Prior to concluding their examination and discussion of the Resolution's elements, Board President Mike Littau offered a statement from Board Member, Mike Stuart. Trustee Stuart wrote that he is in support of the Resolution as it is written. After discussion, the Board chose to adopt Resolution No. 2-2021 as presented.

Motion – Brix
Second – Saephanh
Ayes – Brix, Saephanh, Littau
Carried – 3-0

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7.1.2 Request Approval of CIF Sanctioned Ski/Snowboard Athletic Team (ACTION)

Motion – Brix
Second – Saephanh
Ayes – Brix, Saephanh, Littau
Carried – 3-0

7.1.3 PUBLIC HEARING: The Board may Receive Comments from the Public Regarding the Proposed Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan 2021-2026 (DISCUSSION)

Open Hearing at 7:05 PM:

School Business/HR Manager Molly Schlange state that the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant provides LEA's with funds for the purpose of Professional Development for teachers, administrators, and classified staff. Education Code 41480(b) outlines ten broad areas of focus for Professional Development. LEA's can focus on any or all areas outline in the Education Code. The school's WASC Plan and LCAP will be used to guide funding. No comments were shared by the public.

Hearing Adjourned at 7:10 PM

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION

7.2.1 Request Approval of Winter Coaching Assignments (ACTION)

That the Board approve the Winter Coaching Assignments as presented.

Motion – Brix
Second – Saephanh
Ayes – Brix, Saephanh, Littau
Carried – 3-0

8. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggested future agenda items.

9. CLOSING/OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Mike Littau shared that he is excited for the return of the arts events, specifically the winter concerts. Board Member Sue Brix thanked Board President Mike Littau for his leadership.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Sue Brix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Motion seconded by Susan Saephanh. Unanimously approved.