

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:00 PM Pacific

Umatilla School District
 1001 6th St
 Umatilla, OR 97882

PRESENT

Board Members:	Administrative Team:
Lesley Claustro-Sanguino	Heidi Sipe, Superintendent
Toby Cranston	Delma Bernal, Superintendent/Board Secretary
Travis Eynon	Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager
Josiah Barron	Josy Chavez, HR Specialist
Steve Warr	Rick Cotterell, CBMS Principal
Jorge Meza	Nicole Coyle, MHES Principal
	David Lougee, ELL Director
Board Advisors:	Tim Young, MHES Vice Principal
Jazmin Martinez	Vincent Stefani, Maintenance Director
Student Advisors:	Other District Staff:
	Anthony Brown, CBMS Vice Principal
	Maggie Jepson, UEA
	Other:

MINUTES

- A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
 Board President Claustro-Sanguino called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. and then led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

- B. **PUBLIC INPUT**
 Not at this time

- C. **PRESENTATIONS**
C.1 Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee
 None at this time

- D. **APPROVE AGENDA**
 - **Motion:** by Board Member Cranston, to approve the agenda as presented
 - **Second:** by Board Member Warr
 - **Voting:** Unanimous

- E. **ACTION ITEMS**
E.1 Consent Agenda
 Minutes for September Board of Directors Workshop and September Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Disbursements and Financial Statements
 - **Motion:** by Board Member Eynon, to approve the Minutes for September Board of Directors Workshop and September Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Disbursements and Financial Statements.
 - **Second:** by Board Member Cranston
 - **Voting:** Unanimous

E.2 Approve Surplus Items

- **Tiny House**
 - The Union School District is interested in the Tiny House. They will come by to look at it next week. If they do want it, the district will donate it to them. If they do not, the district will auction it off.
- **Motion:** by Board Member Eynon, declare surplus with preference to donate to another school district and to auction off if not donated.
- **Second:** by Board Member Cranston
- **Voting:** Unanimous

E.3 Approve Division 22 Assurances

- **Motion:** by Board Member Cranston, to approve the Division 22 Assurances
- **Second:** by Board Member Warr
- **Voting:** Unanimous

E.4 Approve the Following Policies:

- * **AC – Nondiscrimination**
- * **BBF – Board Member Standards of Conduct (Version 2)**
- * **CB – Superintendent**
- * **CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent**
- * **CCG – Evaluation of Administrators**
- * **DJC - Bidding Requirements**
- * **EBBA – Student Health Services**
- * **EBBB – Injury or Illness Reports**
- * **EBC – Emergency Plan and First Aid**
- * **EBCA – Safety Threats**
- * **EBCB – Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction**
- **Motion:** by Board Member Eynon, to approve all policies
- **Second:** by Board Member Cranston
- **Voting:** Unanimous

E.5 Select Gym Logo for Columbia Vista Intermediate

- Superintendent Sipe pointed out that a typo was on the full court option with an extra “2”. The “2” will not be on the official graphic if chosen.
- **Motion:** by Board Member Barron, motioned to select option “B”
Discussion: It was discussed that some like the font from option “A” with the graphic image from option “B.”
- **Revised Motion:** by Member Barron, to use the font from option “A” and the graphic image from option “B.”
- **Second:** by Board Member Warr
- **Voting:** Unanimous

F. DISCUSSIONS

F.1 Facilities Update

Superintendent Sipe shared that the beam signing was amazing and a huge thank you to Tim, Nicole and Rikkilynn who adjusted everything to make it happen. Superintendent Sipe also shared appreciation to Christie from MidCo for getting us eight buses. All the students were super excited and gave handshakes and high fives to all of the construction team present and it was a memorable day for all. .

F.2 Discuss PERS Increases

- * <https://osba.org/schools-face-startling-pers-increases-as-side-accounts-lose-effectiveness/>

Superintendent Sipe discussed bonding the PERS debt back in 2002.

F.3 Discuss CVI Timeline and Staffing Plan

Superintendent Sipe shared with the board that Mr. Young will be the new Principal at Columbia Vista Intermediate. We will work to hire VP's between January and February. We will get instructional technology ordered by December and January.

- Board Chair asked if there is a place to store everything that will be ordered.
 - Superintendent Sipe said a lot of the things being ordered have a time delivery date on them which will help with storage. We are seeking other storage spaces for the additional items as well.

- Board Chair asked if we know about how many staff members will be pulled from MHES to CVI.
 - Superintendent Sipe explained that we have already hired most of those key spots. We will mainly need to hire custodians, food service, counseling and the VP's. Most of the staff will just shift around.

G. OTHER/BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Board Member Cranston asked what transpired with the fight at the soccer game.

- Superintendent Sipe shared that she and Mr. Durfey looked at the video. It wasn't a soccer rivalry, there was a boy involved. Huge kudos to Ian Coyle, Dan Durfey, Oscar Contreras and Miriam Ruiz for running down to the soccer field so fast and helping breakup the fight.

Board Chair Claustro-Sanguino shared that a few board members attended a training in Pendleton. Jorge, Lesly, Jon, Heidi, Delma and Steve all attended. They gave a great presentation on board policies and expectations. They talked a lot about laws also. There is another training coming up in two weeks which is the Roadshow one.

Board Member Eynon shared his opinions about revenue sharings that should be occurring on part of the city. He thinks it's ridiculous that the City has been keeping all the funding.. He's a fan of enterprise zones, he thinks they are r great but he's not a fan of one entity being fully in charge because they own the enterprise zone keeping all of the money and blocked everyone out of it. Businesses in the zone make payments in lieu of taxes to the city, which then keeps all the revenue instead of sharing it with other entities that would normally receive tax revenue. Board Member Eynon believes this is unfair and suspects the city's mismanagement of funds is a motivating factor in their refusal to share.

Board Chair Claustro-Sanguino agrees with what Board Eynon said. She thinks they need to consider the fact that a lot of our community members have children in our school district that would benefit from sharing those funds. She doesn't think they see that because they are not directly involved with the school district like they should be.

Board Member Warr wonders if they are upset because the school district didn't want to trade the maintenance building for a bad piece of property.

Board Member Eynon explained that this all started long before that. Board Member Eynon expressed frustration with the City of Umatilla's handling of tax revenue generated within the enterprise zone, particularly from Amazon Web Services (AWS). He believes the city negotiated a poor deal with AWS initially and continues to unfairly retain all the revenue instead of sharing it with other taxing entities like the school district and fire district, who also shoulder the burden of AWS's presence. While acknowledging the city's improvements in quality of life, he criticized their spending on "pet projects" while essential services are underfunded. He argues that this practice is morally wrong and inequitable, especially considering property tax limitations imposed by Measures 5 and 47, which have further constrained school funding.

Board Member Eynon believes the City of Umatilla acted deceptively in keeping all enterprise zone tax revenue and feels they have an ethical obligation to share, especially with the school district. He argues that the school district's quality directly impacts the city's growth and attractiveness to new residents, highlighting the interconnectedness of both entities. Superintendent Sipe supported his thought by adding that the school's positive enrollment trend is linked to the city's development and with increased students, comes increased student needs, and need for funding as well.

H. STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board wishes to publicly recognize:

SEPTEMBER THANK YOU'S

Java Junkies- Thank you for saving the day and making over 220 sandwiches and wraps on a short notice for our All Staff In-Service Lunch.

Sarah Blake- Thank you for supporting Agape House food bags donations. We appreciate your care for students.

Heidi, Delma, Harley & The whole School District Office & High School Admin. "We cannot express enough how grateful we are for all your help during the planning & finishing of our "All School Reunion!"- Umatilla High School Alumni Association.

Dave McCauley - Awesome job at maintaining his school

Rex Pottorff - Awesome job on completely a very large work order list

David White - Awesome job on lending a hand wherever it is needed

Custodians - For keeping up on their areas

Heidi Sipe - For absolutely everything she does for our district!

Pedro and Enrique - Keeping up and doing an awesome job on the grounds

City of Umatilla: Thank you for donation for school supplies (pencils and notebooks) to MHES!

Hermission Home Depot: Thank you for the box of school supplies donated to MHES!

Parent Teacher Club: Thank you for the AMAZING Book Vending Machine!!! Thank you so much for the beautiful balloon arches for both open houses and for the fabulous family photos you provided for our families!

Alicia Romero: Thank you for donating your generous donation to support cupcakes for students' birthdays. We appreciate your generosity.

OCTOBER THANK YOU'S

Erin Iveson, Daphne Castro, Blanca Ramirez/Debbie Tesch, Josy Chavez, Iri Campos

Business Manager Gilsdorf wanted to be sure to thank this team for their excellent work. The auditors noted how well the student records were organized with all information included that is needed for the audit.

Additionally, they have also noted the personnel records are always in tip-top shape. Mrs. Gilsdorf is very grateful for everyone's efforts to have clean, well-organized records and their efforts haven't gone unnoticed. All of this contributes to an audit that goes well! **Cheryl Dunham** – Super grateful that she stepped in, rolled up her sleeves and continued the great AP work without a hiccup!

Dennis McMillan (Sr.) - For building a little shelf (free to us) for the MHES library for shelf markers and new books display.

Foust Fabrication- For the beam signing opportunity. The kids loved it and we appreciate the extra effort you put forth to make it happen.

Kyle and Chervenell team- For the beam signing opportunity. The kids loved it and we appreciate the extra effort you put forth to make it happen.

Home Depot- For the box of school supplies for McNary Heights Elementary students. We appreciate your care for students.

City of Umatilla- For your school supply donations for McNary Heights Elementary. We appreciate your support for students.

Matt and Design West team- Thank you for the beam signing opportunity. The kids loved it and we appreciate the extra effort you put forth to make it happen.

I. REPORTS

I.1. McNary Heights Elementary School – Nicole Coyle, Tim Young, Taunya Daniel

Principal Coyle reported the following:

- The beam signing was super cool. The kids were super excited to go.

Vice Principal Young reported the following:

- There were a lot of kids at the construction area but they all did such a great job.
 - Superintendent Sipe shared that Mr. Young had all the students sing the McNary Heights Mustangs song.

I.2. Clara Brownell Middle School - Rick Cotterell, Anthony Brown

Principal Cotterell reported the following:

- CBMS did get some new trophy cabinets. At the end of this month they will add an interactive display and should be ready by basketball season.

Dean of Students Brown reported the following:

- Volleyball and Football will be done by the end of the month.
- Basketball for boys starts next
- Behavior and school culture is better this year with a lot less drama and a lot less classroom issues. He's been very impressed with a lot of the students he hasn't seen and encourages them to continue with their good behavior.

I.3. Umatilla High School – Jared Tesch, Oscar Contreras-Leal, Dan Durfey

N/A

I.4. Maintenance - Vinny Stefani

Vinny reported the following:

- Vinny has been here for twelve years and been a part of a lot of school projects. The beam signing is by far the coolest and fulfilled his dreams. He also shook over 300 hands.

I.5. District – Heidi Sipe, Stephanie Williams-Strege, Kim Gilsdorf, Josy Chavez, David Lougee, Rikkilynn Starliper, Maria Sanchez, Pat Kerrigan

Superintendent Sipe reported the following:

- She shared the school district's report card. It is posted on the landing page of our district website.

Kim Gilsdorf reported on the following:

- She is very thankful for everyone's contributions to a smooth audit this year.

Josy Chavez reported on the following:

- It has been really nice having Iri learn so much about pay in the system. Last year they had to manually update every single employee. This year they were able to upload everyone and update all of their deductions at once.
- Thankful for Cheryl for coming in each day to help also.
- Getting ready for Trick or Treat on 6th Street. Our theme this year is "Loteria," Mexican Bingo.
 - Board Member Barron mentioned that there will be a "People's Choice Award" this year.

David Lougee reported on the following:

- In the fall each year he does the Recent Arrivals Collection for ODE where the district reports how many students you have that have been three years or less that have been born outside of the United States. Last year we had 24 and this year we have 59. That doesn't count our newcomers who were born in the United States and moved to Mexico as a baby and now have come back. Our newcomers have more than doubled and are getting closer to tripled. There are about four different dialects.

Pat Kerrigan reported on the following:

- The IT Crew we have right now is really good and we'll keep them for a longtime.

I.6. IMESD Talking Points

- The IMESD report was attached

J. PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time

K. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

The next regular meeting of Umatilla School District will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Chair

Superintendent