

**UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
Joan C. Sergent Instructional Resource Center  
14201 Canal Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
November 22, 2010**

**Attending:** C. Klenow, G. Klida, C. Territo, R. Ross, D. Meyers, M. Templeton  
**Absent:** J. Prybys

**1.-2. Meeting Call to Order**

Dr. Klenow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Minutes**

Motion by Klida, supported by Ross, to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

**4A. Stevenson Boys Soccer Team**

Mr. Rob Dilday, District Athletic Director, introduced the Stevenson Titan Soccer team is the first soccer team from Stevenson to make it to a MHSAA State Championship Final game. Although the team finished in third place in the MAC Red Division, they came on strong in post season play to win their District, Regional and Semi-Final games to advance to the Division 1 State Final against East Kentwood on November 6 at Troy Athens. The team finished the year as the MHSAA Division 1 Runner-up with 20 wins and only 5 losses. Three members were named to the Division 1 Boys Soccer All State team.

Comments from the Board of Education were entertained.

**4B. Stevenson Girls Golf MHSAA State Division 1 Final**

Mr. Rob Dilday, District Athletic Director, introduced a Stevenson High School student who qualified for a fourth consecutive appearance at the MHSAA Girls Golf Division 1 State Final, this year tying for 5<sup>th</sup> place. During the season, the Lady Titans team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 6-2 record. The Stevenson High School student led the league with an average of 36 strokes over nine holes and was named as the MAC White Division Most Valuable Player as well as earning Macomb County First Team honors.

Comments from the Board of Education were entertained.

**4C. Outstanding Marketing Educator of the Year**

Mr. Robert Monroe, Executive Administrator of Schools, introduced the Outstanding Marketing educator of the year. The Michigan Marketing Educators Association (MME) announced that Dana Boice, a Marketing teacher at Utica High School, as the recipient of this year's Dr. Louis R. Graziano Outstanding Marketing Educator Award. MME recognizes educators who not only manage an outstanding marketing education program in their high school, but those who have made significant contributions that improve and promote marketing education in their communities and through professional activities.

DECA, an Association of Marketing Students, is the nation's only student organization designed specifically for students interested in becoming future leaders of the marketing, management and

entrepreneurial fields. Under the leadership and coaching of Dana Boice, Utica High School DECA students consistently shine at regional, state and national competitions.

Comments from the Board of Education were entertained.

#### **4D. Career and Technical Education Business Advisory Group**

Mr. Robert Van Camp, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, introduced the Career and Technical Education Business advisory recognition. The Utica Community Schools Career & Technical Education department and its teachers rely on the advisory group partnerships to ensure that the curriculum taught is current and aligned to ever-changing industry standards. One way partnerships develop is through program advisory committees. The groups of individuals are from business, industry and education and represent a cross-section of each specific Career and Technical Education program area.

Mr. Scott Palmer, administrative intern at the Instructional Resource Center, introduced the following district CTE teachers and their advisory partners:

Medical and Health Services –Beaumont Hospital Nursing teacher Jill Bologan and industry partners Dr. Anthony Ognjan, D.O., chief of infectious Diseases for Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center and a staff member at Henry Ford Health Systems. William Beaumont Hospital-Troy, Medical and Health Sciences program, the Chief of Infectious Diseases for Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center.

Medical and Health Sciences program representing the Future Educators program – Utica Community Schools teacher Karen Chaffee and industry partner, Dr. Dyanne Tracy, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, Oakland University were introduced.

Law Enforcement – Utica Community Schools teacher Rob Machak and Sgt. David Faber of the Utica Police Department representing the Law enforcement and industry partner.

Visual Technologies –Utica Community Schools teacher Mike Allore, and industry partner Denise Dawson, Creative Director from Leaping Lizards, Inc.

Engineering Technology and Mechatronics – Utica Community Schools Teacher Geoffrey Clark and industry partner U.S. Army-TARDEC (Tank Automotive Research Development Engineering Center), represented by Phil Frederick, Robotic Engineer.

Machine Trades and Welding – Utica Community Schools teacher Rob Newman and industry partners Dennis Seefried from Hi-Tech Mold and Brian McKay from Primeway Tool and Engineering.

Construction Trades – Utica Community Schools teacher Ryan DeCardenas, and industry partners Kevin Humphries from Utica Drywall Products and Chad Waller from Viola Construction, Inc. were introduced.

Marketing and Entrepreneurship – Utica Community Schools teacher of the year Dana Boice and business partner Dan Wesner, entrepreneur and owner of Wesner Tuxedo were introduced.

Representing the Business and Finance programs, business partner Peter Gates, President and CEO of Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union addressed the Board of Education on behalf of the business partners.

Comments from the Board of Education were entertained.

#### **5. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christine M. Johns reported to the Board that Utica Community Schools is a busy place where student learning extends well beyond the school day. Long after the last bell rings, staff and parents can be found instructing, coaching and encouraging students as they create additional opportunities for them to learn and grow. She stated that Eisenhower, Stevenson and Utica High Schools each hosted student plays, and Ford II High School was home to the regional FIRST Robotics LEGO League tournament.

She added that high school plays are a tradition that not only showcases student talent, and provides some great entertainment for our community, but a lot of learning takes place, both in the spotlight and behind the scenes. Whether constructing sets, managing lighting, playing in the orchestra or appearing on stage, the theatre experience allows the students to express their creativity and build self-confidence.

She continued her report saying that LEGO Robotics is another rich learning experience offered in the district. Elementary and junior high school students are introduced to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO robots that can complete sophisticated tasks. In addition to enhancing their math and science skills, students learn teamwork, responsibility and commitment during the weeks of preparation leading up to a successful competition. Dr. Johns was proud to report that eight UCS teams are headed to the state championship after taking honors at the regional that half of all the teams qualifying for the state tournament are from our district. She said it demonstrates once again that UCS is a science, technology, engineering and mathematics teaching powerhouse. She stated that it is no accident that the district has the highest graduation rate in Macomb County and one of the best in the State of Michigan nor is it a coincidence that district test scores outrank the county and state.

She continued by reporting that these positive activities, relationships and opportunities provided for students every day and during many evenings and weekends, make it clear that everyone in UCS is focused on student achievement, in and out of the classroom.

Dr. Johns added that schools across the district experienced high parent attendance during parent teacher conferences with 100 percent participation at some schools. . She thanked district teachers and parents for their continued commitment to building home-school partnerships.

Dr. Johns closed her report by wishing the Board of Education and the entire UCS community a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

#### **6. Community Correspondence**

No community correspondence was acknowledged.

#### **7. Public Communication**

No requests were presented for public communication.

**8A1. Advanced Placement Report**

Mr. Robert Van Camp, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, introduced the Advanced Placement Report. The Advanced Placement program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1955, the program has provided high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. The program offers more than 30 courses in 22 disciplines. Most colleges and universities in the United States and in 30 countries recognize AP exam results in the admission process as a sign of a student's ability to succeed in rigorous curriculum. Many institutions award college credit or placement into a higher level college course so that entrants can move directly into the courses that match their level of academic preparation.

Mr. Van Camp stated that the composite score for each AP exam is converted to an AP exam grade of 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1. AP exam grades of 5 are equivalent to the top A level work in the corresponding college course. AP exam grades of 4 are equivalent to a range of work representing midlevel A to midlevel B performance in college. Similarly, AP exam grades of 3 are equivalent to a range of work representing midlevel B to midlevel C. Most colleges and universities nationwide grant college credit or advanced placement for AP exam grades of 3 or higher. He said AP students are more likely to graduate from college in four years, which amounts to savings of up to \$19,000 for each additional year.

Dr. Mary Johnston, Executive Director of Innovation, Federal and State Programs and Curriculum, presented the Advanced Placement Exam participation overview and shared how the students in Utica Community Schools scored on the AP examinations taken in May 2010. This portion of the report exhibited how the district is progressing with Indicator 1:21 from the Reaching Higher document.

Mr. Robert Van Camp reviewed the 2010-2011 Advanced Placement initiatives. Each high school has created an AP School Improvement Plan; AP World History is being offered at all junior high schools. Continued use of the PSAT resource tool is used to identify potential student for AP classes and ninth grade AP data is being reviewed to identify potential students for AP classes when they enter tenth grade.

Comments from the Board of Education were entertained.

**8B1. - 8B3 Second Reading - Policy Deletions**

Mr. David Rilley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented for second readings and made recommendations for the deletion of policy #4131 – Administrative Internship Program for Instructional Personnel, policy #4223 – Organization and policy #4233 – Overtime.

Motion by Territo, supported by Meyers, that the Board of Education delete Policy #4131 – Administrative Internship Program for Instructional Personnel, that the Board of Education delete Policy #4223 - Organizations and the deletion of Policy #4233 – Overtime.

Motion carried.

**9A1. UAW Clerical Contract**

Mr. David Rilley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that the membership of UAW Local 400 has ratified the Tentative Agreement reached between it and the Board of Education.

The current contract with UAW Local 400 expired on June 30, 2010. The new contract is a two (2) year agreement, commencing July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012 and the agreement is within the guidelines established by the Board of Education.

Motion by Templeton, supported by Klida, that the Board of Education ratify the Agreement between the Utica Community Schools and the UAW Local 400, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30 2012.

Motion carried.

Dr. Johns introduced members from the negotiating team and thanked the team for reaching the agreement. She reviewed concessions made by the UAW clerical.

**9B. Changes in Certified Personnel**

Mr. David Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the changes in certified personnel since the November 8, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Territo, supported by Meyers, that the Board of Education approves the changes in certified personnel as presented.

Motion carried.

**10A. Financial Report Part I and II**

Ms. Jill Tomy, Budget Director, reviewed Part I, General Operating Fund as of October 31, 2010, and is included with the schedule of bills. Part II of the report was as of October 31, 2010 and reports on the status of the funds for Capital Projects, Trust and Agency, Athletics, Enrichment, Cafeteria and Internal Service.

The Board of Education accepted the report as presented.

**10B. Schedule of Bills Report**

Ms. Jill Tomy, Budget Director, reviewed the schedule of bills for the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND (11/10/10) .....	\$ 434,724.92
GENERAL FUND (11/17/10) .....	\$ 880,151.18
	<u>\$ 1,314,876.10</u>

The Board of Education accepted the report as presented.

**11. Board Items**

No board items were presented.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Territo, supported by Ross to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Michele Templeton, Secretary  
Utica Community Schools  
Board of Education