



Dear Union ESD Community,

We continue our commitment to enhance communication within our community by sharing an overview of the moments and decisions from the recent Union Elementary School District Governing Board meeting on March 7, 2024. Your engagement and support are invaluable to our progress and success.

Below are summaries of presentations, significant actions taken by the Board, and a glimpse into the future agenda items, all aimed at furthering our District Strategic Plan goals and mission.

Presentations

- Dr. Saima Afroze, eighth-grade Science teacher at Dos Rios, along with her students, presented an overview of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) Mission 18, showcasing the innovative projects our students have proposed for their cosmic learning experience. The Governing Board appreciates the quality work of the Dos Rios students and the time they put in to make their projects come to fruition. “The students did a wonderful job, and I am proud of everyone for their hard work”, said Ms. Briceno.
- Ms. Kristin Taylor-Foley from DLR Group and Mr. Jairo Saragoza from CORE Construction provided an insightful update on the Union Elementary and District Office transformation project. The presentation covered the project timeline, design updates, and the successful completion of the transportation construction. This presentation aligns to the District Strategic Plan goal area 4: Stewardship of Resources, and how the district is utilizing its resources to improve District facilities for students, staff, and the community.
- Ms. Tonia Immel, Executive Director of Business Services shared the findings from the FY 2022-2023 audit, highlighting the district's efforts towards financial stewardship and the measures in place to address any findings for continuous improvement.

Significant Actions

- The Board approved a comprehensive benefits package for the upcoming school year, ensuring our staff have access to quality healthcare and wellness resources.
- Following the review, the Board approved the audit findings, reaffirming the District’s commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility.
- A trip to the Kennedy Space Center in fall 2024 has been approved for students participating in the SSEP Mission 18, offering our students a unique educational opportunity to explore space science.
- The Board approved the Stipend/Extra Pay Schedule for the 24-25 school year, supporting our continuous effort to compensate and recognize the hard work of our staff through our Strategic Plan goal area of High-Quality Caring Staff

Future Agenda Items

- **Special Meeting GMP #2 on April 25, 2024:** A focus on budget revisions and the detailed planning for our ongoing projects.
- **Pride Awards on May 8, 2024:** An event to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our staff and students.

We are grateful for your continuous support and look forward to furthering our district's goals together. Your thoughts and feedback are always welcome as we strive for educational excellence. Please join us at our next meeting to stay informed and involved.

Sincerely,

Susan Doucet
Governing Board President

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Governing Board Member

Union Elementary School Strategic Plan			
1) Student Academic Success	2) Student Well-Being	3) High Quality Caring Staff	4) Stewardship of Resources
All students will demonstrate academic growth and achievement	Provide a comprehensive education and school culture that supports learning and social-emotional growth	Support, develop, retain and recruit highly effective teachers, leaders, and support staff that commit to meeting the needs of our learners	Secure and effectively manage resources to meet the needs of our 21 st century learners and employees