

BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are *not* the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Utica High School Room 106

The planning meeting is a second meeting in the month of January to work on the preparation for the upcoming school year. The board started on time at 9:00 a.m. There were no action items for this meeting, and the board went directly into work session.

Work session began with the planning meeting agenda and these are some of the critical items that we would like to work on in the upcoming school year. The board worked on the following:

- The board reviewed the annual items of the district philosophy, vision, mission, goals, organizational chart, policies, communication, and assessment schedule.
- A discussion concerning academic progress and the use of data. Our Renaissance program to provide benchmarking, and data support was explained.
- Social media use and the desire to review the Intercom App was had.
- Academic discussion concerning the goals of the district to improve math and reading scores. Items presented included: the reading program; work on the math curriculum; The outcome included looking at the establishment of an ED unit for Utica Elementary. Continue to work on the reading program and look for ways to see what we can do to keep both reading tutors. This will be dependent on the end of year staffing analysis. Work on the math review of curriculum, and implement the new requirements from the state.
- A discussion concerning re-establishment of special education units was also had. It is our goal to expand services when we have certificated staff, the cost and space become available.
- A board committee was discussed and decided to change the current committees to administrative committees, and add strategic planning, and capital improvements as board committees.
- A discussion about capital needs and setting up a committee to work on prioritization.
- Athletic funding was discussed and work to improve how items are purchased and fundraising are goals.
- A discussion about staffing and what it may look like for the upcoming school year.
- Strategic planning was also discussed and decided to create a board committee to move this goal forward.
- The next three year's calendars were discussed and reviewed with the adjustments for the upcoming school year.

The meeting concluded at 12:23 p.m. The next meeting is on February 10, 2025, at Utica Middle School starting at 6:00 p.m.