

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

Jurisdiction: University Place School Board

Date: October 13, 2021

Observer: David Harrowe

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Present: Ethelda Burke, Marisa Peloquin, Mary Lu Dickinson, Dr. Rick Maloney, President

Absent: T'wina Nobles, excused

Others present: Superintendent Jeff Chamberlain

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jeff Chamberlain began his report noting this as the 30th day of the school year. Covid cases have recently declined, he noted, with 60 known cases among 5,365 enrolled students. October 18 is the deadline for all school employees to be vaccinated or have exemptions. Of 750 employees, 60 have received medical exemptions and 92% of the rest are vaccinated against Covid.

The District is using its funds from the American Rescue Act to hire more teachers and counselors. It will ask voters to replace two expiring levies, and doing so would not increase taxes.

Chamberlain noted recent positive media coverage. Reach.com has assessed UP as the 8th best school district among Washington State's 295 school districts. Also, our district is very diverse and has a high percentage of its students on free and reduced price lunches.

Other:

The Board then considered its development, self-monitoring and assessment of the current meeting. A new umbrella policy was given an initial reading. There was discussion of input to a presentation by Board President Mahoney and Superintendent Chamberlain at an upcoming meeting of state school officials.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.