

UC Board Of Education Uses Work Session To Review Change Orders

The Union County Board of Education spent much of their Thursday work session reviewing change orders on the district's construction projects. To date there have been 33 change orders requested and approved with others still pending.

A representative with Alliance, the company managing the projects, attended the meeting to review the order which in some cases have provided a reimbursement to the district and in others have revised plans due to issues found with drainage, field bed conditions and site excavation. Despite the number of change orders the board has been presented, the project contingency balance remains at \$251,000. Three

change orders appeared on the agenda for the board's October 26 meeting. Those changes include a change in railings with the board receiving a credit; insulation in a portion of the ag building, and a change in the gyp board assemblies in the wrestling room.

Board members also reviewed the agenda for the Monday night meeting which calls for several recognitions. District Assessment Coordinator Shawn Winders will provide the student achievement report related to the latest round of state testing, and board members will likely approve and 18 item consent agenda.

The consent agenda includes approval of a memorandum of understanding with Earle

C. Clements Job Corps Academy for work-based learning, approval of a facility use agreement with Union County ABA basketball and the approval of a grant application for 2027 Kentucky Numeracy Counts K-3 HQIR grant. Should the district be successful in receiving that grant, the \$70,000 would be used for elementary programs. A grant for the Kentucky Arts Council Arts Miles program for travel expenses is also among the items to be approved in the consent items.

The board will also consider a UCHS social studies curriculum proposal for fundamental of government.

A number of items from the transportation department are listed for surplus declaration,

and a food services contract with Smart Systems for HACCP Consultation and Plan Development is on the agenda for approval. A donation from Huck's is listed for acceptance per school board policy.

The board will also discuss and could approve an agreement to join other districts for legal services for social media litigation. Superintendent Dr. Terra Hancock told the board that many districts are participating in this service.

The only other item on the consent agenda is the appointment of a board member to serve on the calendar committee. Board chair Jennifer Buckman volunteered to serve in that position.

Escape Into Imaginary World

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I remember reading something a few years ago that was simply, "Your time may be limited, but your imagination is not."

What an appropriate time of year to pull the words out of the memory banks.

This simple statement brought back all kinds of memories from when my children were small and living in their imaginary worlds. Every day they pretended to be someone else and they had all the time in the world enjoying it.

As adults we believe our time is limited and we are too busy to imagine anything but surviving day-to-day life.

Halloween is the excuse adults need to pretend and become someone else. Just for the fun of it. Although we do practice a little pretending whenever we dress up during the other holidays throughout the year.

By adding a small accessory to our wardrobes, we can become a part of the festivities. Whether it's a Christmas sweater, St. Patrick's Day green, or a Fourth of July T-shirt we all want to play a part in dressing up.

Kids have the right idea when they play every day. They become someone different in their imaginary world and never get bored with freedom.

My daughter had lots of

dance outfits, ballerina tutus, and princess dresses with wands and glass slippers she kept in her dress-up trunk. Every day was a different outfit and a different imaginary character.

The boys had so many capes of different colors, with several swords and hats to help in saving the world from all the bad guys.

When the grandchildren came along, they had the same imagination. My playroom was filled with ballerina and princess outfits as well as all the superhero capes, swords, and hats needed for a child's imagination to go wild.

There were days when I didn't know who was going to walk through my front door.

As the children and grandchildren grew up the outfits were getting used less until all my little imaginary friends went away. I passed on lots of dress-up clothes to others and I mourned the loss of my imaginary friends.

With the little ones and their imaginations grown up even my dress up days have dwindled toward almost nonexistent.

One year my Navy son had a business trip to go on. A two-week trip to the other side of the world to several different countries in Europe. Because of his rank on the business ladder, he could choose the times he would be gone. He didn't work around

other business meetings, nor school events, nor doctor's appointments or family events. No, he worked around Halloween. He had to be back before October 31.

Halloween is his most favorite holiday, and he still has the most vivid imagination to help bring out all the childhood wonder of the holiday.

I'm not sure if his children brought the imagination back to life or if he is bringing it out in his children. I believe it never left him and he is keeping the imaginary alive in his children.

He turns the outside of his home into a haunted house with wooden creepy windows fitted into the frames, skeletons climbing the sides of the walls, eerie lights, and crazy noises.

From the decorations to the treats to extraordinary costumes Halloween is a super big deal at his house.

I look forward to his pictures, the excitement and every detail from him as Halloween approaches.

For me, I haven't gotten back into the costumes, but I do look forward to seeing all the little ghosts and goblins around town and setting out a few decorations to enjoy.

Don't let your limited time cut into your imagination time. Enjoy your imaginary world.

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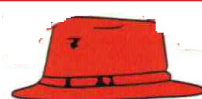
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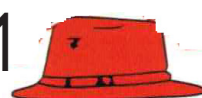
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