Uwharrie Charter Academy Annual Board Meeting June 14, 2018

Existing Board Members Present:

David McRae Julia Del Grande
Ashley Duggins Mac Whatley
Michael Strickland Mark Hensley

Stacy Griffin

New Board Members Present:

Carter Bills Eric Ward

Kristian Allen Holly Moorhead

Board Members Not Present:

Angie Kern Aaryn Slafky

Others Present:

Heather Vuncannon

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Mac took time to go over some general procedures of the board meetings with the new board members. Mark motioned to amend the agenda as presented to include the approval for last month's minutes and Stacy seconded with all in favor. Stacy motioned to adopt the consent agenda and Ashley seconded. All in favor.

Heather shared a middle school new construction update list: School is completely framed with most sheet rock in place and all windows are in. The D.O.T. road widening request has been approved. As of June 14th, the school is 73% complete. The addition of the pump station for the sewer line has commenced with an estimated completion date of mid September. Staff may need some extra help from the board in the couple of weeks leading up to school starting.

Heather will send out a request for an email vote once she possesses the quote from Seabolt Construction to enlarge some classrooms at the future elementary location, which means there would be a couple of less classrooms, but these classrooms will have more space to accommodate a larger group of students.

The 2018/19 budget cannot be approved until the state's budget is approved, but Heather presented a preliminary budget to the board.

David motioned to eventually have bank accounts transitioned from Capital Bank to BB&T, which will include our line of credit and operating accounts. Stacy seconded and all approved. As an employee of Capital Bank, Mark abstained from the vote. BB&T helped secure the \$15.5M in bonds for Phase II construction and has developed a trusted relationship with UCA. The line of credit account will be transitioned with highest priority.

Although we had a scheduled tour of the Phase II construction site, which includes the middle school and administrative offices and new gym, Heather announced that she thought it was best to schedule at a later date so the new buildings can be viewed with better lighting. Heather will inform the board when these dates will be as soon as possible.

Heather informed the board that all completed surveys have been received. 28% of current families completed a survey and 91% of UCA's teachers filled out a survey. This is a large improvement from past years. Stacy and Julia will be working on a summary of all survey material and hope to be prepared to deliver a preliminary report to the board at the July board meeting.

Heather reported that Angie and Casey have been working on an AIG program for UCA and will introduce their plan to the board at a later date. She also reported that the state's math curriculum will be changing for the year 2019. In the meantime, UCA will be making some changes in some of their academic pathways for the upcoming year. To be able to offer a more continuous math program for early high school students and strengthen their math curriculum, the two options for math in 8th grade will be Foundations of Math 1 or 8th grade math. Math 1 will no longer be offered

at the 8th grade level. In 9th grade, students will be able to take either Math 1 that is offered as a year long course, or students can take two math courses that last a semester each: Math 1 and Math 2. The plan is to now offer Earth and Environmental Science at the middle school for high school credit. The staff believes these are better options for students to thrive and to strengthen their abilities for assessment testing and SAT/ACT testing.

Mark motioned the approval for Chad Douglas's daughter, Chelsea, to be hired in a temporary summer position at the middle school. Michael seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chelsea will be answering phones, greeting visitors and other various work for the administrative team at the middle school.

Upon a suggestion from the executive board, Heather proposed that we hold Strategic Planning sessions bi-annually in an effort to keep us accountable and help us seek our goals and plans more efficiently. Different suggestions were discussed for the next agenda and Heather will keep everything in mind and announce a tentative date very soon, which will probably take place in September.

Heather discussed board member webinars that she would like for the new board members to view and invited the existing members to use the webinars as a refresher. Heather will send out the webinar information via email to the board.

Stacy thanked the new board members for their response to the committee assignment suggestions via email. All new board members accepted their suggested committee assignments. Stacy also reiterated the ultimate goal of the board that she plans to implement in the near future: for all committees to meet outside the full board meetings and use the board meetings to report their work and discuss any larger issues.

After departing words from Mac and Mark who are our board members that as of this annual meeting have completed their second term, Stacy welcomed the new board members into the beginning of their first term: Kristian Allen, Carter Bills, Holly Moorhead and Eric Ward.

Eric motioned to close the board meeting at 8:10pm. Carter seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DelGrande Secretary