

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
January 11, 2018

Board Members Present:

Ashley Duggins

David McRae

Angela Kern

Michael Strickland

Aaryn Slafky

Julia Del Grande

Mac Whatley

Mark Hensley

Stacy Griffin

Others Present:

Casey Harris

Heather Soja

Jennifer Walker

Beth Rankin

Reid Lawrence

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Aaryn moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from October. Stacy seconded. All in favor.

Casey Harris invited some teachers to introduce themselves to the board. Jennifer Walker from the history department presented her approach to Flex Days as coordinator and relayed that she really enjoyed teaching at UCA and enjoyed the students. She also teaches an elective, Carolina Haunts. Beth Rankin is an EC teacher at the middle school. She brings much experience to UCA and commented on how much she enjoys the collaborative, holistic atmosphere. Reid Lawrence assists Beth in the classroom, which proves to be a great team. Reid commented on how rewarding it is to work with each student and observe their progress. Mark suggested to come up with a way to highlight the teachers' comments during meet the staff time in board meetings and share through video and possibly post on the website.

Heather reported that she is researching and investing the bond proceeds in short term CDs and mutual funds through US Bank, which is producing minimum returns for the time being. She also informed the board that the school's cash flow is 8% ahead of what was originally projected. One of

the largest expenses incurred this year was dropping the ceiling at the middle school. She commended the finance department and how nice it has been to have finance in house this year. It has proven to be much more efficient and any reports she needs can be produced same day.

Heather conveyed to the board that the audit was delayed due to the lack of cooperation from Charter Financial Services following the termination of their contract in June. Our accountant has provided a letter to support this situation that was sent to the Office of Charter Schools and the Finance/Business office of DPI. Uwharrie Charter was placed on Cautionary Noncompliance but will be removed as long as the audit is received by 1/31/18. An amended audit contract is needed for the LGC.

After a group discussion, Stacy motioned to amend our charter to reflect the proposed section of the admission process, which states that our board will develop and maintain the enrollment process to comply and meet the requirements of the most current statutes of the state's public charter schools. David seconded and all were in favor.

In an effort to comply with the auditors, Mark motioned the annual budget along with the budget vs. actual report will need to be signed by the board's chairman and treasurer, as well as the school's superintendent. David seconded and all were in favor.

Heather reviewed UCA's Charter School Performance Framework, with attention to needed improvements and a continued action plan going forward.

Casey reminded the board about the Strategic Planning session scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at 9am at the Chamber of Commerce, which will consist of board members and twenty school leaders. We will work on a school improvement plan and a performing a needs assessment. Casey will send a preliminary schedule before the meeting.

Heather was happy to report with just a few days into the open enrollment, there has been about 500 intent forms submitted to UCA.

Stacy motioned that the board go into closed session to discuss personnel. Ashley seconded and all were in favor.

Stacy motioned that the board leave closed session and close the board meeting at 9:03pm. Mark seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DelGrande
Secretary