

Uwharrie Charter Academy  
Board Meeting  
February 8, 2018

Board Members Present:

David McRae

Angela Kern

Michael Strickland

Aaryn Slafky

Julia Del Grande

Mac Whatley

Mark Hensley

Board Members Not Present:

Ashley Duggins

Stacy Griffin

Others Present:

Casey Harris

Heather Soja

Van Hurley

Stacy Bricker

Ian Thompson

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Aaryn moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from October. Angie seconded. All in favor.

The board discussed the first information session that was held prior to the meeting. Van plans to video the next information session and upload it on the school's website. There are two more information sessions: 2/22 & 3/1. Administration plans to hold more information sessions after the lottery.

Casey Harris invited some teachers to introduce themselves to the board. Stacy Bricker is the agriculture teacher at the middle school. She recently received a Tobacco Trust Grant for a storage building replacement and to repair the greenhouse. She enjoys working with the livestock team, building coops, the FFA club and coordinating with 4H. Ian Thompson is the craftsmanship teacher at the middle school. He works with all grades: builds cars and ensures basic understanding with 5th grade, facilitates small production with the 6th grade, builds furniture, cabinets and forges metals with 7th grade and builds larger structures and introduces

blacksmith and will include welding in the future with the 8th graders. He encourages DIY projects in his Apprenticeship STEAM class.

Heather gave the board an update on construction of Phase II. Concrete was poured today and the metal frame is scheduled for delivery next week. Wall should be up by April 1st. The crane will be delivered in two week, as the timeframe also applies to road changes by the DOT. The official address is: 2177 Pisgah Covered Bridge Road. Hubrich informed Heather that they are two weeks behind schedule, but is confident that we should make up for it.

Van presented the athletic facilities plan, which included three phases. Phase I will include the softball field, multipurpose facility and parking, Phase II will include additional fields, access roads and transportation and Phase III is still in the planning stages. There are 18 acres on the back side of the athletic complex that has potential owners who would like to create a partnership with UCA. UCA is excited about this and the potential of a tournament area and tourist attraction.

The board discussed adding additional items in the board training book that will be updated for our new members that will start in June.

Heather sent an email previous to the board meeting and asked for a vote to change some wording and amend the charter for a new policy pertaining to our lottery process. It was a unanimous vote by email and we again adopted the wording in the board meeting, through vote: Mark motioned, Aaryn seconded and all were in favor.

The board discussed the strategic planning meeting held in January and possible ways to keep the great ideas fresh. Mark suggested that we meet twice a year, instead of annually, which would help keep our goals on track for the School Improvement Plan.

Heather updated the board of upcoming jobs that will need to be filled. After having some advertised for two days, the school has received 50 applications. All job availabilities will be posted by mid February.

Van notified the board about the immediate need for WIFI expansion at the high school. He would like to include eight additional access points, for a total of 22 access points. This will greatly enhance the conceivability at the high school. Mark motioned to approve this expense and Aaryn seconded. All were in favor.

David motioned that the board go into closed session to discuss governance and board nominations. Angie seconded and all were in favor.

Mark motioned that the board leave closed session and close the board meeting at 9:33pm. Aaryn seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DelGrande  
Secretary