

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
March 8, 2018

Board Members Present:

David McRae

Ashley Duggins

Michael Strickland

Aaryn Slafky

Julia Del Grande

Mac Whatley

Mark Hensley

Stacy Griffin

Board Members Not Present:

Angie Kern

Others Present:

Casey Harris

Heather Vuncannon

Allacin Duggins

Hollie Luther

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Aaryn moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from February. Stacy seconded. All in favor.

Casey Harris invited some teachers to introduce themselves to the board. The Board enjoyed hearing from Allacin Duggins (High School English teacher) and Hollie Luther (Middle School Student Advocate) what they did on a daily basis.

After review and compare of the budget now versus last year, Heather was happy to report that we have made up for the deficit created from last year already. As part of Phase II, she received an estimate of \$125K for a well at the ball field. She is currently seeking financing for this project. The projected amount anticipated for funding FF&E (furniture, fixtures & equipment) for our new building is \$225K. Despite some rain delays, we continue to be on track for our middle school building, as walls have been going up and concrete poured.

Heather reviewed UCA's procedures for crisis preparedness, including active shooters and weather disasters. They are looking into additional

equipment for new safety features. They have also reviewed prevention through mental health support. UCA plans to establish a mental health crisis team that will be comprised of various and appropriate staff. Students have organized a “Remembrance” in place of a “Walk Out” to honor the 17 students and staff killed at the school in Florida on February 14th.

UCA recently submitted a grant for a full data weather station to NC Green Power Grant for Alternative Energy.

UCA was required to have a reserve fund as part of their financing for emergency funds. The nearly \$1.1M is currently sitting in a money market, yielding roughly \$11K of interest per year. Heather is currently looking into investments with a higher return. The board requested to see a fee schedule and would also like to see another quote for comparison.

The board unanimously voted to accept the motion from last board meeting to induct the following new board members: Kristian Allen, Carter Bills, Holly Moorhead, Eric Ward.

The board discussed the progress of Heather’s goals for the current school year, with emphasis on the website. Aaryn is planning to assist Heather with some ideas for the website.

Heather shared the progression of interviews for new positions for the upcoming school year. She will be emailing the full board with a list of potential new hires. She also announced that the lottery will take place on March 24th at the high school and reviewed various questions from the board about the lottery.

Stacy motioned to close the board meeting at 8:355pm. Michael seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DelGrande
Secretary