

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
December 8th, 2016

Board Members Present:

Mark Hensley
Angela Kern
Julia Del Grande
Mac Whatley
Michael Strickland
Stacy Griffin
David McCrae
Peter Rajtar

Board Members Not Present:

Aaryn Slafky
Ashley Duggins

Others Present:

Casey Harris
Heather Soja
Van Hurley

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order. Mark reported that our Line of Credit matures on Monday and requested for the board to take action tonight. The monthly statements that he sends out will now be through the end of the month. Mac asked if there were any questions about the minutes or the CFO report. David moved to adopt the consent agenda. Michael seconded. All in favor.

Heather reviewed her Director's report with the board. She presented some exciting new opportunities for our students, including a 9-week glass and ceramics class at Starworks for a 6 students per semester, and Apprenticeship Randolph through RCC for interested 12th grade students to introduce them to trade skills such as machining and welding. This is funded by area businesses.

Heather requested that the finance committee meets to meet to discuss upfront costs for Phase II construction. After we contract with an architect, an architectural feasibility study will need to be completed.

Casey reviewed his report. The Polar Express is scheduled for December 14th through 16th at the middle school, which will be entertaining for 149 preschool and Head Start students throughout the area. Exams are planned for December 15th-21st at the high school. There are two information sessions planned before open enrollment for families that desire to learn more about the charter school. Julia and Angie will meet with the calendar committee in January to review and discuss options for the 2017-18 school calendar.

Mark made a motion to renew the line of credit with Community One, which now has a balance of \$122K. David seconded. All in favor.

Heather expressed her concerns for the new accounting firm, CFS, that UCA uses. Mark and Heather had a conference call today with the husband and wife team about their concerns, including but not limited to consistent payroll errors and completing tasks in a timely manner. As an average sized charter school, we should not be having these problems. Mark requested to be updated with the progress going forward. CFS is needed to guide us through auditing. Heather would like for the audit to occur in a more timely manner, as we haven't been on time for three years. Heather and Mac plan to meet with Maxton McDowell, who currently performs UCA audits, to stress the importance of timely audits as to not hinder our growth requests with DPI. Mark stressed he would like to see this work before we look at other options.

As a requirement as we seek financing, an Environmental Impact Study needs to be performed on the athletic fields, which are adjacent to the property for the future middle school. Heather recommends Aric Geda, who will charge \$8,700. Mark made the motion and David seconded. All in favor.

Mac requested a vote for an Assistant Secretary position, who would have authority to sign off on things in the event that Julia is not available. Mac nominated Heather Soja. Peter seconded. All in favor.

Heather held a meeting about the future addition to the sewer system for the new construction. The school is in a primary development corridor. A study is needed, which will be performed by John Grey Wooten Group. Hotel development will probably take interest upon sewer development. Once a successful study is performed, we will then obtain a permit before the construction begins.

The school will be able to gain \$44,800 from clearing the timber at the planned athletic complex next to the existing baseball field off of Mac Road. UCA will keep the money to go towards the purchase of site plans and a detailed survey. In addition to the existing baseball field, this athletic complex will include an additional baseball field, two softball fields and three soccer fields.

Van developed a draft and proposed an athletic drug policy after reviewing 12 different policies in the area. This draft consists of a three strike system. First strike: 30-day suspension, successful completion of an on-line course, and the athlete may return to their normal athletic routine once the athlete completes a successful drug test, paid for by the athlete's family. 2nd strike: 60-day suspension, successful completion of a more intense STAR drug program, and the athlete may return to their normal athletic routine once the athlete completes a successful drug test, paid for by the athlete's family. 3rd strike: athlete is suspended from all athletics at UCA for the remainder of at UCA. If an athlete refuses to take a drug test after a random selection, it will be assumed that the refusal is an admission of guilt and the athlete is suspended from all athletics at UCA for the remainder of their time at UCA. After board discussion, it was decided that Van will look into procedures of the actual test and cost by the next meeting. The board hopes to approve the producer at the January meeting.

Heather reminded the board that the annual strategic meeting will be held on January 28th at Starworks.

Mac adjourned the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Del Grande
Secretary