

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
June 6, 2017

Board Members Present:

Aaryn Slafky
Ashley Duggins
Angela Kern
David McCrae

Julia Del Grande
Mac Whatley
Stacy Griffin

Board Members Not Present:

Mark Hensley
Peter Rajtar

Others Present:

Casey Harris
Heather Soja

Van Hurley

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Michael moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from May. Stacey seconded. All in favor.

Casey highlighted the the results from the parent survey. UCA had great feedback. The most common area of growth requested was better communication between teacher and parents. There were 151 families that responded and Casey plans to send out the official results to the board through email. The board collectively suggested that for next year, the survey questions should be categorized by grade and school.

Heather reported that The Office of Charter Schools have recently looked at our minutes posted on the website. Their suggestions included: agenda needs to be included with the monthly minutes, define the “consent” agenda, and schedule and time need to be included in the minutes.

Van announced they moved the conference room to the new location to allow room for three offices for Susan, Chad & Leigh. Leigh Hurley starts next week. Susan Yow’s old room will become the file room.

Van also announced that he would like to purchase three new buses and a fuel truck. He found some from Wake County and we are eligible for a discount if we purchase all three buses. After discussion and realizing the need, Aaryn made a motion to purchase three buses and fuel truck in time for the 2017-18 school year. With the addition of three new bus drivers, UCA plans to hire three new bus drivers. David motioned to hire the needed bus drivers, Stacey seconded. All in favor. Van also suggested to start charging a fee for bus riders each semester. After discussion with the board, Van plans to come up with a proposal for the fees to present to the board. Mac motioned to start charging a fee for bus riders, pending the board agree with Van's proposal. David seconded. All in favor.

Van shared a presentation that included pictures of the new middle school, the renovations of the existing middle school to be completed by the end of the summer, and a quote for replacing the AC unit at the existing middle school. After the board had discussions about the AC at the middle school only performing at 50% and declining, Michael motioned to purchase and install the needed new AC unit (\$10,460) in the existing middle school. Van also updated us on the board approved mobile units for the high school, which will be delivered during the second week of July. Once they are delivered, they will add the necessary add-ons, such as ramps and landscaping.

Heather informed the board that the request for sewer lines in the Ulah development area has been unanimously approved by the Randolph County Board of Commissions.

Heather reported that the audit is taking more time than it should because they cannot get the information requested in a timely manner. After discussion about not receiving what is necessary, Mac motioned to contact a lawyer to inquire if there is a breach in their contract. David seconded. All in favor.

Engineering drawings are underway for the Phase II. Our goal is to start construction in September.

A discussion was held about the possibility of a partial finance for the improvements for the Athletic complex/ballfields. There are needs for concessions, locker rooms, etc. to generate revenue. David and Heather will explore the possibilities and reports back.

Heather notified the board that the auditors would like to reduce the amount of people that are eligible to sign checks to three signing authorities, including the Chariman, Treasurer and Superintendent. After discussions, the board collectively agreed that always requiring a board member to sign checks creates an unwanted waiting time and we do not want a board member to “presign” as the auditor suggested. Heather will consult with the auditors and report back to the board.

The Executive Board has requested that board members receive the agenda before the board meeting. If there are larger decisions to be made, supporting documents and requests should be sent out prior to the meeting so our meetings can possibly run more efficiently. Stacy encouraged all board members to give financially to the board in an amount that is meaningful to each board member. In the future, there will be additional naming opportunities at the new high school and at the athletic complex.

Heather presented the hiring process for instructional and non-instructional position openings going forward. UCA will post these position openings on our website, NC Jobs and TeacherMatch. Angie motioned to approve the new policy and Ashley seconded. All in favor.

There will be new purchases during the summer, all within the budget. The list includes chrome books, whiteboards, and technology needs. The largest being a new lease of 175 new chrome books, which will include new software that will allow for the teacher to view all screens from their device during class. Stacy approved the lease of the new chrome books and Angie seconded. All in favor.

Stacey moved that we go into closed session to discuss personnel related items. David seconded. All in favor. Once the closed session was

complete, Stacey moved to end the close session and Ashley seconded. All in favor.

Since this is our official annual meeting, all proposed committees within the board and administration are effective today. Stacy requested nominations for the executive board. David motioned to continue officers for next year and Angie seconded. All were in favor.

In the future, an interest intent will probably need to be submitted by December meeting for any board member interested in an executive committee position. Once voted upon, new appointees will have six months to shadow and prepare. Any requested changes to our by laws will need to be submitted by the July meeting. This year as part of the governance committee, Stacy and Heather will come up with suggestions and share with the board next month.

Michael motioned to adjourn the meeting, David seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9pm.