

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
March 9, 2017

Board Members Present:

Aaryn Slafky
Ashley Duggins
Angela Kern
David McCrae

Julia Del Grande
Mac Whatley
Mark Hensley
Stacy Griffin

Board Members Not Present:

Michael Strickland
Peter Rajtar

Others Present:

Casey Harris
Heather Soja
Van Hurley

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order. Mark reported that our accounts now reside at Capital Bank since the acquisition. Mac asked if there were any questions about the minutes or the CFO report. Aaryn moved to adopt the consent agenda. Angie seconded. All in favor.

Melissa Coble, Agriculture teacher at the middle school, presented the upcoming fundraiser for the school and encouraged board members to support the fundraiser. The chicken dinner will be on April 29th and the cost is \$75, which includes dinner for two and an entry into the raffle.

Heather reported that Avery Owen is a finalist in the Morehead/Cane Scholarship and Samantha McCrary has been accepted into Governor's school.

Open Enrollment for the 2017/18 school year ends tomorrow and we currently have 900+ applications. Lottery will be held March 25th at noon at the high school gym. Heather requested the presence of four board members that need to be there at 11AM.

Heather followed up with the status of potential grants: she completed the requested addendum for the Golden Leaf Grant and has continued to apply for the

Burroughs Welcome Grant. Leadership Randolph visited for a tour and special programs.

The budget process for the upcoming school year will start very soon.

Graduation will be in Greensboro this year at the Cathedral of His Glory on June 2nd @ 6pm. Heather encouraged board members to plan to attend. Prom will be at the Cetwick on April 1st.

Administration is working on the course catalog for the 2017-18 school year, which will include even more STEAM focused and will include additional partnerships with RCC (Health Sciences pathways). There will be four pathways in the Soaring Eagles Early College Program: 2-yr Associates Degree in a trade or as a college transfer, up to 10 courses at RCC that can be transferred to 16 state schools as a transfer student, blended approach that includes AP/Honors courses at the high school and courses at RCC, or Honors/AP track at the high school.

Casey held a session with teacher leaders to go over Instructional Framework on February 27th to assist all teachers in expectations, assistance. Casey encouraged parents to go by the Arts Guild to see featured art from students of UCA, as March is Youth Art Month. Casey and some lead teachers will start 5th grade teacher interviews next week.

Facilities: Heather reported that she is still hopeful that we will have a sewer system as part of Phase II. Meeting about this will be held tomorrow. An additional modular will be needed next year to allow space for a dancing electives and nursing classes. Mark stated that we will need approval from USDA in order to borrow money to purchase the modulators.

Facilities met with the contractor, Kenny Seabolt to talk about the goals for the middle school unfit and what is needed. Construction will start immediately after school lets out for the summer.

For the new middle school construction, USDA can guarantee a loan with 10% equity, which totals anywhere from \$800K to \$1.3M. Hubert is working on financial projections that are due next week and we will go from there. The required Environmental Assessment is needed in the near future.

Discussions took place about the Lambert Lot that is for sale, which borders the UCA land. A motion was requested by Heather for approval to acquire the property for up to \$140K. Mark motioned and David seconded. All in favor.

We are required to have a Fiscal Audit from the Federal government on our EC policies. Heather presented the procedures on how UCA maintains their Time and Efforts in the EC department, which is handed in twice a year. The two particular documentations were: confirming the allotted federal money we receive is used for salary and benefits only and confirming the allotted federal money we receive is used for physical equipment only. Both documentations of usage need to be well documented. Stacy motioned to approve their new procedures for the first request, Ashley seconded. All in favor. Mark motioned to approve their new procedures for the first request, Angie seconded. All in favor.

Stacy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Aaryn seconded. All in favor.