

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
November 9, 2017

Board Members Present:

Ashley Duggins

David McRae

Angela Kern

Michael Strickland

Julia Del Grande

Mac Whatley

Mark Hensley

Stacy Griffin

Board Members Absent:

Aaryn Slafky

Others Present:

Casey Harris

Heather Soja

Brad Monroe

Crystal Parson

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Stacy moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from October. Angie seconded. All in favor.

Casey Harris invited some teachers to introduce themselves to the board. Crystal Parson is a 5th grade assistant who also is a parent of two UCA students. She shared some of her favorite projects in the classrooms and has enjoyed the hands on experiences they students are receiving. She also has applied for grants on behalf of the school. Brad Monroe most recent position at UCA is a high school PE teacher, coming from 7th science at the middle school for the past two years. Brad shared that he enjoys the collaboration amongst the departments. Most recently, the student body watched the movie "Concussions", which was used as topics across multiple departments.

Heather shared updates of new construction, Phase II, which included that all things are back on schedule: permit is ready, continued clearing of the land, pad is leveled and all preparation pertaining to the sewer project is on schedule. She also reported that the internal audit of the school will be complete by December 15th and the final price of bond financing was

\$15.35M. She also received a quote of \$130K for the grading of the soft ball field at the Athletic Complex off Mac Road.

Heather shared the idea of forming a foundation, an organization that can receive donations. This separate foundation would not be subject to USDA loan limits. Foundations are common in large charter school settings. Heather also informed the board that a gift account was formed, through guidance from Neal Griffin, for an unrestricted donation of stock in the amount of \$105K, with the intention to use \$100K towards the sewer project. This gift account will hopefully be used in the future for additional donations.

Stacy reported on behalf of the governance committee. After collecting nominations from the entire board, the nominations are as follows, to be voted on in the December meeting: Chair - Stacy Griffin, Vice Chair - Angie Kern, Secretary - Julia DelGrande, Treasurer - David McRae. Stacy will continue to develop job descriptions for these positions.

The Office of Charter Schools has no reason to believe we will not receive approval for K-4 in the 2018-19 school year. This approval is expected in January, which is earlier than the original February date expected. Details will be on the website soon.

After discussions about Lotterease, and electronic system geared towards enrollment lotteries for charter schools, Mark motioned to spend the \$3.5K on Lotterease and David seconded. All in favor. The board's very please for this smooth, transparent process. Heather intends to write a press release to inform parents that the enrollment process will start in January.

As a result of difficulties with the email that was set up to receive applications for board nominations, Michael motioned to extend the board application submittal by a couple of weeks: November 22nd. Angie seconded. All in favor.

Heather plans to develop a high level description of the elementary plan and will have script for certain questions for the board and for the public, which will include before and after lottery information.

After discussion of the 2018/19 school calendar by the calendar committee, Michael motioned to accept the Draft 2 of Fall semester and Draft 1 of Spring semester. Mark seconded. All in favor.

Recent benchmarks are complete at the middle school. Casey will oversee the completion of a Data Wall to drive future instruction.

UCA submitted the 30 page final draft of the elementary plan submitted by the curriculum committee to the Office of Charter Schools.

Strategic Planning date is slated for January 20th at the zoo. Heather will forward the agenda when established.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM. Stacy seconded and all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DelGrande
Secretary