

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2021; 6:30 pm Central Office
Minutes

Board Members Present

Kristian Allen	Wanda Pegg	Holly Moorehead
Angela Kern	Chelsey Butler	Eric Ward
Greg Zephir	David Van Derveer	Carter Bills
Maxine Wright	Aaryn Slafky	

Others Present

Sharon Castelli	Colleen Stanley (Teacher Representative- Elementary School)
Casey Harris	Danielle Dills (Teacher Representative- Middle School)
Ryan Nelson	Amanda Whatley (Teacher Representative- High School)
Charity Shore	
Shelly Foossati	

Call to Order

Mr. Bills called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Public comment

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve the Consent Agenda, Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, May 13 Minutes. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Finance/ Facilities (30 Minutes)

1. Finance Committee Report – Mr. Ward reported finances are on track to achieve goal of increasing balance of unrestricted funds by at least \$900k, to serve as down payment for new high school and trades building construction project. He shared that UCA is in great shape financially and thanked administration for their hard work and success managing budget this year.
2. Audit Update – Mr. Nelson reported that the audit has come back with only one finding, down from six last year. The finding was an investment account that had not been reconciled. He reported that this is an easy fix and can be easily rectified. Mr. Nelson shared that he is already currently working in preparation for next year's audit.
3. Grants Update – ESSER II money now available for drawdown, ESSER III should be available within the next week.
4. Playground for Middle School – Dr. Castelli reported that an estimated total of \$35k would be needed to complete playground, which would include 10k donated from Troy Lumber. Estimate includes \$15k for fencing and \$17.5k for asphalt. A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Kern to approve the budget for new fencing for playground in amount of \$15k. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the budget for asphalt in amount of up to \$17.5k. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
5. Fence for Middle School – A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve an amount of \$15k for middle school fencing. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
6. Drawdown for Elementary School construction- Approval needed to make first draw payment of three \$55,000 installments, per schedule provided by Servco as part of elementary school expansion project. A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve first of three payments, for elementary school expansion project in amount of \$55,000. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Zephir, seconded by Mr. Ward, to allow Dr. Castelli to make second and third payment, and to notify board following payments. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Governance (10 Minutes)

7. Governance Committee Report – Ms. Allen reported that the Governance Committee would like to welcome UCA's newest board member Mr. Jonathan Thill. Ms. Allen shared that UCA Board of Directors is very excited to work with Dr. Thill and thanks him for his willingness to serve.

8. Ms. Allen reported that the Governance Committee would like to propose changes to Board of Directors Manual bylaws 5.1 and 7.1. Changes for 5.1 include new officers being voted on during June board meeting, and changes for 7.1 include new board member(s) attending June Board Meeting as means of introduction, and becoming oriented with UCA Board processes and procedures. New board member(s) will not vote in June Board Meeting. New board member(s) will be eligible to vote in any next meeting following June Board Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, and seconded by Ms. Pegg, to approve changes to Board of Directors Manual bylaws 5.1 and 7.1 . Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
9. **Academic Excellence** (30 Minutes)
 1. Academic Excellence Committee Report– Dr. Kern reported that the Academic Excellence Committee Report is in Board Google drive. She shared that Spanish is currently off the schedule for the elementary school. However, in the absence of Spanish the opportunity has become available to create a STEM class. Dr. Castelli shared that there will be guidance counseling sessions conducted in fall, that could potentially roll into a Spanish offering in spring for elementary school. Dr. Kern also reported that Academic Excellence Committee is now accepting donations for teacher back-to-school bags. Needs will be communicated to board via email in the coming week.
 2. COVID - 19 Update – Dr. Castelli reported that Randolph County is currently at a 2.6% positive COVID-19 rate.
 3. Summer Camp Update – Dr. Castelli reported that 72 elementary school students, 49 middle school students, and 25 high school students are currently participating in summer camp program.
 4. Virtual Options for 2021-2022 - A motion was made by Dr. Kern, and seconded by Mr. Zephir, to approve virtual option for the 2021-2022 school year. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Other Business/New Business

1. 2021-2022 Audit Contract— A motion was made by Mr. Zephir, and seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the 2021-2022 audit contract, not to exceed 12,000. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
2. Lease Extension for High School Mobile Units- Dr. Castelli shared that a two-year extension of the mobile units at the high school would cost \$1799 per month, for two units. Both units are owned by same vendor. A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Pegg, to approve two year lease extension on two mobile units located at high school. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
3. CARES Act – Dr. Castelli shared that she would like to apply CARES money funds to purchase game design course materials. A motion was made by Mr. Ward, and seconded by Mr. Zephir, to reallocate CARES funding to game design hardware for new course at High School, and approve purchase for additional hardware. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11 (a)(6)

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Slafky, to go into Closed Session as notified in the Agenda for the reason of discussion around Personnel GS143-318.11 (a)(6). Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Open Meeting concluded at 7:37 pm.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Whatley, Ms. Dills, Ms. Stanley and members of the public left the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward seconded by Ms. Allen, to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Bills called the Closed Session to order at 7:57 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Zephir, seconded by Mr. Ward, to come out of closed session at 9:05pm.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr Ward, seconded by Mr. Zephir, to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

UCA Board Vision Statement

Uwharrie Charter Academy is the model of innovative learning environments where curiosity, adaptability, and critical thinking are inspired through transformative methods and passionate educators preparing graduates for the rapidly evolving world.