

Uwharrie Charter Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

Board Members Present

Eric Ward	Julia Del Grande (via phone)
Ashley Duggins	Stacy Griffin
David McRae	Aaryn Slafky
Holly Moorhead (via phone)	Angela Kern
Carter Bills	Michael Strickland
Kristen Allen	

Others Present

Casey Harris	Susan Yow
Heather Vuncannon	

Call to Order: Stacy Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Teacher Presentations- No teacher presentations in respect of time given the holiday.

Public Comment- No public comment.

Consent Agenda

Benchmark information was not available at the time and will be reported on in March meeting. **A Motion was made by Eric Ward to approve consent agenda as submitted, Aaron Slafky seconded. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.**

Finance

- a. **Audit Update-** The audit is complete and has been submitted to Local Government Commission and then on to Finance and Business Office of Department of Public Instruction. Fiscal year was very positive with just over \$1,000,000 in unassigned fund balance. There were some internal issues regarding our software that were beyond our control that we will have to take the hit on, but that information has been worded accordingly in the auditor's report. A couple of recommendations were offered by the

auditor that will need to be responded to and cleaned up. Overall a clean audit as it relates to compliance and the Office of Charter Schools.

- b. **Sewer Update-** Sewer went live 2/13 and everything is going well. Wipes have been banned from flushing due to clogging issues.

Governance

- a. **Report from Committees-** Stacy Griffin reported that each committee has a chair and members appointed to them. Committees should begin with their plan of action and report in March meeting. The Ethics Committee reported that the Ethics Statement was voted in and will be read at the beginning of each meeting. Carter Bills presented the 5 Core Values and their meaning to our school. The board will review these descriptions and make any comments or recommendations by February 21st via email.
- b. **Update on Board Members Applications-** After careful review, interviews and discussions within the nominating committee, two applicants have been recommended to the board. Greg Sefhir and Maxine Wright were recommended for the two open board positions to begin terms in June 2019. It is also recommended by the Nominating Committee that some applicants become critical friends. **A motion was made by Kristen Allen to approve board nominations, David McRae seconded. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.**
- c. **Update on Superintendent's goals; Maternity leave plan-** Aaron Slafky asked if we could have a representative at the County Commissioners Meetings. The board discussed the pros and cons of attending. Heather Vuncannon suggested that we continue to attend to provide an annual report and possibly attend quarterly meetings of the county commissioners.

Curriculum

- a. **Curriculum update from Chief Academic Officer-** Benchmarks and assessments are finishing up this week. Registration planning for the next school year is underway amongst our administration, faculty and staff. Clever, T21 app, is up and running. Clever is a software service that enables schools to send their student information to various web and mobile apps at the click of a button. Teachers and staff can have instant access to their students' data with the ability to generate helpful reports.
- b. **Other Business-** New background checks will be underway next week for the board of directors and any new hires going forward. They will be updated every June thereafter

for the board and as needed for new hires. The Executive Committee will evaluate and vote on expulsions and suspensions but will ask for additional insight from the full board before the final decision is made. This structure provides an authentic process for appeal.

Closed Session - Student Discipline matter

Motion to move into closed session made by Carter Bills and seconded by Angie Kern. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of closed session and adjourn made by Eric Ward and seconded by Angie Kern. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Way

*(recorded and partially transcribed by Susan Yow)