

Uwharrie Charter Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019

Board Members Present

Eric Ward

Julia Del Grande

Ashley Duggins

David McRae

Holly Moorhead

Angela Kern (via phone)

Carter Bills (via phone)

Michael Strickland

Kristen Allen

Aaryn Slafky

Others Present

Casey Harris

Susan Yow

Heather Vuncannon

UCA Board Ethics Statement: Uwharrie Charter Academy will make decisions that are morally sound, environmentally responsible, fiscally fit, safe for the community, adaptable and promote the development of its students, always with integrity.

Call to order: David McRae called the meeting to order at 6:37.

Teacher Presentations: Obie O'Brien (Craftmanship) and Chareesa Monroe (K Asst) were invited to share their teaching experiences with the board.

Public Comment: Mr. Nash Duggins made comments about the facilities use policy.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Aaryn Slafky to approve consent agenda as submitted, Eric Ward seconded. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Finance / Facilities:

a. Beginning Budget Process-

Budget is in the works. Intent forms have been sent out to departments for staff employment intentions. Waiting to hear their needs for next year as salaries and benefits are largest component of budget.

b. Needs for next year in facilities-

More parking is needed around the middle school for sporting events. Another modular unit is needed for the High School for Agriculture class. Quotes will be presented at the next meeting to be voted on.

c. Insurance Rider Options:

Active Shooter and Web/Tech/Cyber protection quotes for insurance has been requested. Heather Vuncannon recommends that the board approve an increase of excess liability insurance. The board will revisit this information in April meeting.

Governance:

a. Report from committees; committee members/ assignments-

David McRae reported that the Finance Committee will meet March 21st. It was suggested that the term "Critical Friends" was an inappropriate label for non-board member committee advisors. No new name was agreed upon. Carter Bills presented Core Values and Board Responses to Public Inquiry finalized statements. **A motion was made by Kristen Allen to approve the finalized statements as submitted, Michael Strickland seconded. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.**

b. Recommendation for board meeting schedule 19-20-

No scheduled board meetings in July, August and January. A conference call meeting can be requested if necessary.

c. Strategic planning and follow-up with Tom Miller-

Strategic Planning meeting with Tom Miller will be rescheduled for September. Dates for the meeting will be revisited in April.

Curriculum:

a. Curriculum Update from Chief Academic Officer-

Casey Harris reported that data meetings are going very well, and teachers have taken the Play Book recommendation by Tom Miller and ran with it. Dr. Miller was blown away by the hard work and collaboration among the teachers.

b. Change to schedule: ½ days to Wednesdays-

Heather Vuncannon has recommended that half days be moved to Wednesdays to cut back on student absences and sub accommodations for teacher absences. The board

discussed the pros and cons of the change. This possible change will be reported and discussed with UCA Staff and revisited.

c. Teacher Appreciation from Board-

Heather Vuncannon recommended Teacher Appreciation from the board will be celebrated at the beginning of the school year instead of May.

d. Remediation plan-

The remediation plan for UCA has changed from last year.

The 2018-2019 Remediation Plan will be as follows: Two Sessions on June 12th from 8:00 am-11am and 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm. A lunch break will be taken from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Retesting will take place on June 13th from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. **A motion was made by Julia Del Grande to approve the Remediation Plan as submitted, Eric Ward seconded. All in Favor, none apposed. Motion carried.**

Other business/ New business:

Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by Eric Ward and seconded by Carter Bills. All in Favor, none apposed. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Way; Recorded by Susan Yow