

Uwharrie Charter Academy

December 2017 Minutes

Date: 12/14/17 Start time: 6:36 pm; High School Campus

Present: Mac Whatley, Stacy Griffin, Mark Hensley, Julia Del Grande, Michael Strickland, David McCrae, Ashley Duggins, Angie Kern, Aaryn Slafky

Others Present: Heather Soja, Lee Haywood, Nicole Catherwood

Consent agenda presented including reports from the Superintendent, Director of Academics, and treasurer's report. *David made a motion to accept, Stacy seconded. All in favor.*

Meet the staff: Mrs. Lee Haywood (middle grades math) and Mrs. Nicole Catherwood presented to the board about their respective classrooms. They highlighted the project-based learning and STEAM integration within their classrooms.

Finance: Municipal Bonds for \$15.5 million were closed. These funds will be used to build the middle school facility and stand-alone gym. Additionally, the "lender families" and line of credit were paid in full as a condition of the bonds. Construction of the new facilities is underway.

Construction: Grading for the middle school building is nearly complete and ready for the pad to be poured. Grading is still ongoing for the gym. The sewer project will get underway in January once the project has final approval from the LGC. Bids for the project were submitted to the Seagrove/Ulah Water Authority with an awarded bid imminent after LGC approval.

Curriculum: Strategic planning is scheduled for 1/27/18 at the Chamber of Commerce in Asheboro. Breakfast and lunch will be catered. Board, admin, teachers will be present.

Governance: Ashley distributed a list of board member applicants to the board to look over. Committee members updated the board on the timeline of selection and notification of new members. There are two to four positions available on the board. Stacy discussed the 6 month succession plan put in place for new officers. Following nominations in November, 4 members left the room and the remaining members voted on board officers to begin their terms in mid-June. Nominated: Stacy Griffin (chair), Angie Kern (vice-chair), David McCrae (treasurer), and Julia Del Grande (secretary). *Michael made the motion to accept the nominations as officers, Mark seconded. All in favor.*

Stacy presented the governance committee's recommendation that the confidentiality agreement be added to the board responsibilities commitment with an addition of a social media clause to be drafted and added by the committee members. Stacy reminded the board of gifting and the importance of

100% participation for grants. Additionally, specific requests will be made for board participation at different events like information sessions.

The Charter School Advisory Board recommended that UCA be granted its K – 3 expansion request and will send their recommendation to the State Board of Education to consider in January 2018.

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be discussed at the strategic planning meeting in January and be developed throughout the spring with input from parents and the community. Utilizing data for school improvement will be a focus in curriculum.

Superintendent provided a “year in review” and included growth of the school, improvement in standardized test composite scores, facilities funding, expanded transportation program, new off-site course programs through community college partners and other community members like Starworks.

Mark made a motion to move to closed session to discuss personnel. Angie seconded. All in favor.

Closed session: Personnel

Mark made a motion to leave closed session. Stacy seconded. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by David. Stacy seconded. All in favor.

End meeting: 9:31 pm

Submitted by: Julia Del Grande , secretary (Transcribed by Heather Soja)