

**Uwharrie Charter Academy  
Board of Directors *Called Meeting*  
September 14, 2020 via Conference Call (Zoom)  
*Public Record Minutes***

Board Members Present:

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

Other Present:

Casey Harris  
Ryan Nelson  
Charity Shore  
Members of the Public

**Call to Order**

Carter Bills called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Public comment**

Public comment received from:

1. ES Dean Lauren O'Brien
2. MS Dean Rebecca Harris
3. MS Assistant Dean Amanda Deaton
4. HS Dean Chris Wheat

Dean O'Brien spoke on the process of how the opening of the elementary school was going. She stated no issues with wearing mask, how the students were set up in pods and how the kids take lunches. Dean Harris spoke on the capacity of the middle school and how they have adapted to class changes. Room cleanings are done between classes. Teachers and staff are following up with parents calling with concerns. Middle school has set up a buddy system to make sure everyone is following protocol through this system. Assistant Dean Deaton echoed Dean Harris and spoke about everyone working together. Dean Wheat spoke on teachers working very diligently and tutoring is being offered through this process.

**Return to School Plan**

Two plans, "Option 2" and "Option 3," were presented jointly by Academic Excellence Committee Chair Angela Kern and interim Superintendent Casey Harris. Committee Chair Kern started with a summary of actions taken since July regarding return to school, including Plan B, which was adopted July 16 and in place when the school year started on August 6. She shared that the 7-12 grade parent survey, which closed September 3, indicated that 75 percent of respondents wanted 7-12 students to return to school in the AA/BB format that K-6 students are currently following. Option 2 would be returning 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders to an AA/BB schedule on October 19 and 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to that same schedule on November 2. Option 3 would be those same groups returning September 28 and October 19, respectively. As is the case under the current Plan B for K-6 students, 7-12 grade families may still elect to remain 100% virtual.

Mr. Harris shared that the Administration favored Option 2 due to planning reasons, outlining the reasons why. There will be logical plans developed for each school. Teachers grades 7th-12th will be in a major transition when the school does open. An estimated 50-60 students had not completed the survey. Board members asked questions about dates, plans and logistics and then Board Chair Bills asked each board member to speak into the decision.

A motion was made by Angela Kern, seconded by Aaryn Slafky, for the AA/BB schedule to begin as follows: 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades return the week of October 5 and 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> on October 19 with the option for students to elect to remain virtual. Board members were asked to vote by roll call, stating their name and answering yes or no. Maxine Wright, Chelsey Butler, Wanda Pegg, Holly Moorhead, Kristian Allen, Angela Kern and Aaryn Slafky voted in favor of the motion. Greg Zephir, David Van Derveer, and Eric Ward opposed. Chair Carter Bills did not vote in his role as Chair of the Board. No abstentions. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by David Van Derveer, to adjourn. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried. The called meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.