

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
August 10, 2017

Board Members Present:

Aaryn Slafky
Ashley Duggins
David McRae
Angela Kern

Julia Del Grande
Mac Whatley
Mark Hensley
Stacy Griffin

Others Present:

Casey Harris
Van Hurley
Sheral Vang
Nicole Loftis

Heather Soja
Steve Hubrich
Paul Jasin
Kaley Morgan

Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Stacy moved to adopt the treasure report and minutes from July. Aaryn seconded. All in favor.

The Board received great feed back from the music department from both schools. Sheila Vang reported on behalf of Curtis Moore, teacher at the high school. Curtis has added a drum line to Orchestra I & II, band and would like to showcase the dance students as part of the music programs, as well as involve other classes. Sheila also reported that only 67 students did not attend the open house.

Nicole Loftis, chorus teacher at the middle school, shared with the board that she enjoys not only teaching her students about rhythm and melodies, but also sight reading. She is also teaching an acappella class of 10 students. It is Kaley Morgan's second year at UCA. Haley is the band teacher at the middle school. She was happy to report that students can start band in 5th, 6th and 7th grade. She has students learning to read music in "Music Studio", which is a STEAM class.

Steve Hubrich reported that he received unanimous approval of his site plans for Phase II that he submitted to the state. Looking ahead, his next

week will include retrieving grading permits. He anticipates that UCA will pay \$4K towards the sewer infrastructure project. Steve has forecasted to break ground by the week of September 25th and hopes to achieve a completion date of July 2018.

Paul Jasin announced that even though the entire Phase II project has been authorized for \$19M, he predicts it will come in under our current market estimates at \$15M. This will give them more flexibility without having to resubmit for bond counsel if a need arises. Stacey made the motion for the project not to exceed 19M, Ashley seconded. All in favor.

A reimbursement resolution was passed to allow Uwharrie Charter to be reimbursed for any cost incurred that is related to Phase II project using bond proceeds. This includes paying off lender families, the line of credit, and the balance of the adjacent land where the building will be located. Once Mark and Julia excused themselves from this vote as part of the original lender list, this resolution was motioned by Stacy, seconded by David with all in favor.

Paul also requested approval to delegate final pricing authorization of bond sales to Heather and Mac in an effort to close the bond sales in a timely manner. Stacy motioned to appoint Heather and Mac authorization to finalize the bond sale, David seconded. All in favor.

Heather reported that she had found an attorney that has worked with closing bonds in a charter school: David Hostetler with Lexis Services. After discussion, David motioned to hire and pay a retainer to David Hostetler. Angie seconded. All in favor.

As the board realizes the need for a ground breaking ceremony, discussions were had about our previous ceremony and new ideas for the upcoming ceremony. With a tentative date of September 25th (need confirmation from Chamber), Aaryn, Angie, stated they would help with the ceremony and Casey Harris had some administration in mind to help form a committee as well.

A plan and timeline was presented by Heather on behalf of the board nominations committee for accepting applications for potential seats on the board of directors. Applications will be accepted through October 31st and at that point, will be reviewed by the committee, along with interviews of the qualified applicants. Once the committee sends out finalized information about candidates, the board will vote on nominations at the March board meeting. The members of the committee made the motions to accept the timeline, and all were in favor.

As part of the continuous school improvement plan, Casey reported that the middle school has created Professional Learning Committees that will be utilized every morning with all teachers involved. This “Foundations” time will allow for mathematical concepts to be taught and assessed and the data received will be used for reteaching specific concepts in math classes. At the high school, the goal is for Math to be pulled into STEAM class and to crossover into all departments as much as possible. Heather and Casey are looking into other strengthening avenues at the high school.

Heather intends to contact Mac about amending bylaws on a state level.

The board also voted to have library cards available for all students at UCA for use at Randolph County public libraries. Aaryn made the motion, Mark seconded. All in favor.

The board went into closed session at 9:15PM to discuss Heather Soja’s salary. Back in open session at 9:43PM, Mark made the motion to raise Heather’s salary to \$91,000, and to also include phone allowance and a \$5,000 bonus at the closing of the bond financing for the outstanding job she has done with the financing of UCA’s Phase II. David seconded. All in favor.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mac seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 9:46pm.