

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board Meeting
April 20, 2017

Board Members Present

Mark Hensley
Mac Whatley
Ashley Duggins
Aaryn Slafky
David McRae
Stacy Griffin
Angela Kern
Michael Strickland

*Motions noted in **bold**

Board Members Not Present:

Peter Rajtar
Julia Del Grande

Others Present:

Heather Soja
Casey Harris
James Green
Beth Kearns
Faith Pigford

I. Board Chair Mac Whatley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. UCA high school student Faith Pigford presented a library concept, which was developed jointly between Ms. Pigford and Ezra Fracheur. The idea would be to repurpose a select number of unused student lockers to stock with used books for students to borrow.

MS Makerspace teachers Beth Kearns and James Green shared details of the Reality Redesigned competition, which is a pilot TV program in partnership with RCC and produced by Edge Factor. Two UCA Middle School teams are competing with a high school team from Trinity High School in a week-long competition. The program will air in mid-May.

III. Consent agenda – **Stacy Griffin made the motion to accept consent agenda items, seconded by Ashley Duggins. Motion approved.**

IV. Facilities/Finance

- Plans shared for Middle School renovations to accommodate 5th grade. Work to begin one week after 2016-17 school year ends. No modular building will be used.
- Searching for another modular for the high school is underway, contingent upon approval from USDA. **Motion made by Mark Hensley, seconded by David McRae, to seek lease approval from the USDA to lease this additional modular. Motion approved.**
- Discussion of Phase II plans and financing. Proposals expected from Fidelity and BB&T. Next step is an environmental study for a pre-qualifying application for an USDA direct loan. **Mark Hensley made a motion, seconded by David McRae, subject to receipt of**

acceptable terms sheets and subject to USDA approval of same, the Board agrees to accept Hubrich Contracting's offer to expend in advance resources, not to exceed \$227,100, with a payback term of 90 days upon receipt of an itemized invoice pertaining to the site plan process for Phase II. Motion approved.

- Sewer update: $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to extend sewer from Asheboro. Property would not be annexed in to city. Services would be sold through Seagrove/Ulah. Waiting on fees and rates from city.
- **Motion made by Stacy Griffin, seconded by Ashley Duggins to adopt the following Declaration of Reimbursement Resolution. Motion approved.**
 - WHEREAS, Uwharrie Green School, Inc. (the "Corporation") intends to acquire, construct, renovate, equip or rehabilitate Phase II – Middle School and Gym (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, the Corporation reasonably expects to reimburse certain costs of the Project with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Corporation; and WHEREAS, the Corporation expects to issue debt not exceeding \$250,000 in aggregate principal amount for purposes of financing, refinancing or reimbursing costs of the Project; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation declares its official intent to acquire, construct, renovate, equip or rehabilitate the Project; to reimburse certain costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, equipping or rehabilitating the Project with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Corporation; and to issue debt not exceeding \$250,000 in aggregate principal amount for purposes of financing, refinancing or reimbursing costs of the Project.
- The administration is researching to bring all financial services in-house, resulting in considerable savings and better control of turnaround times. This would entail creating a new position.
- Annual UCA fundraiser will be a chicken dinner and drawdown on April 29 at the high school. Tickets are \$75 for two meals and an entry in to the drawdown.
- Executive Director Report – Heather Soja reported the lottery for 5th, 6th and 9th grades (2017-18) was a success. IDEA PRC 60 audit report revisions underway for end of May due date. Initial steps to transition to an electronic lottery is underway. Working with NC A&T University on a Burroughs Wellcome grant for math education and robotics. Seeking other grants and sponsorships. Finance committee to review plans for a new central office area. Requests for Fund 8 reports have been made to school systems that provide a majority of local funds. Soja and Harris will be presenting at the National Science Teacher Association's STEM conference in July. On May 18, RCC's board will review an MOU for an Early College partnership with UCA.
- Director of Academics Report – Casey Harris reported that interviews have begun for 5th grade teachers for the 2017-18 school year. The 8th grade Washington, DC trip was a success. Harris and Soja attended the DPI conference in Greensboro in March. Met with RCC concerning creating partnerships in Career Technical Pathways. Six staff attended CPI Training in March. Successful Arts Night held in March at the Middle School. April 1 Prom was a success – special thanks for Ms. Hammer and all who helped make it a great night. Beta Club inductions at the Middle School held April 4. Course Catalog completed April 5 – special thanks to Ms. Cash. 7th grade student Max DeNamur earned the Randolph Electric Membership Corp. Roy Williams Annual Basketball Camp Scholarship. April 21 high school flex day was used for Big Sweep trash pick-up in the County. High school registration will be April 24-28. Purchased gently-used welders, furniture for the 5th grade, computers, projectors and bleachers from an RCC used equipment sale.

V. Governance – Committee appointments were made by Board Chair Mac Whatley, upon presentation of recommendations by Ashley Duggins. Each committee is responsible for deciding meeting times/frequency and responsibilities to present at the May board meeting. Committees are Education/Curriculum, Finance/Facilities, Board Recruitment/Training and Marketing, and Governance.

VI. Curriculum – **Stacy Griffin made the motion, seconded by David McRae, to approve the summer remediation and retesting schedule, which will include a four-day remediation period from June 5-8 and retesting on June 9 for both middle and high school students.**

VII. Other business

- At a previous board meeting, a motion was approved not to fill Peter Rajtar’s position when he vacates the seat this month due to moving out of state. Discussion was held whether to revisit this. The Board agreed that the motion to not fill the seat and keep the board total at 9 seats stands.
- Important upcoming dates:
 - 5/4 Parent Night at MS for New Students 5:30-7:00
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 - 5/15 MS Chorus & Orchestra Concerts at 7 pm at HS
 - 5/16 MS Dance Recital at 7 pm at HS
 - 5/19 HS Awards Day Ceremony 9 am at HS
 - 5/19 Cultural Fair at HS
 - 5/18-6/1 MS EOG's
 - 5/25-6/1 HS EOC's
 - 6/1 8th grade Graduation, 9:30 am at Rushwood
 - 6/2 HS Graduation at 6pm at Cathedral of His Glory in Greensboro

Board Chair Mac Whatley adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaryn Slafky