

**Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2022 6:30pm Central Gym
Minutes**

Board Members Present

David VanDerveer	Becca Mead	John Reid
Ryan Terry	Chelsey Butler	Eric Ward
Carter Bills	Greg Zephir	

Board Member Absent

Jonathan Thill	Kristian Allen
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Other Attendees:

Michelle Barfield
Chris Wheat
Ryan Nelson
Rick Delaunay
Sharon Castelli
Cody Fracheur
Allison Hargett (HS)
Sherry Ficquette (MS)
Jessica Hoffmire (ES)
Commissioner Darrell Frye
Commissioner Maxton McDowell

Call to Order

Mr. Bills called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Public Comment

No public comment was given

Guests

Randolph County Commissioner Darrell Frye presented the board with an update on the septic/sewage issue currently impacting the new high school construction project. Mr. Frye shared that due to the antiquated nature of the Ulah/Seagrove water treatment plant it is currently unable to handle several upcoming construction projects in the area. The state was asked for a waiver, which was recently denied. Commissioner Frye shared that 2 million dollars had already been set aside to build a new plant within the next two to three years. According to Mr. Frye the county has asked the City of Asheboro to sell sewage capacity to Ulah/Seagrove, which would be the best solution. This allows for timely completion of all affected projects. Commissioner Frye said that there would be a meeting between all parties next Tuesday and asked the Board to send a letter of support.

E3 Awards

ES-Colleen Stanley received the 2022 Educator of Excellence Award. Her dedication to the students she serves inspires those around her. Mrs. Stanley uses varying strategies to keep students engaged in lessons and activities, monitors their progress and potential through daily assessments, and communicates clearly with all stakeholders. She ensures students feel supported and encouraged daily by creating a positive learning environment.

MS- Ms. Grant is one of the most patient people I have ever met and she goes out of her way to assist any student. She recently applied for a grant from NC Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council for the GO Grant to help get students outside and was awarded \$3000 for our students. She is dedicated to ensuring that each of our students have what they need in order to succeed and she goes above and beyond to help students and staff members.

HS- Mrs. Hargett is an Exceptional Children's teacher at the high school. This is her eighth year at UCA. She is a member of our School Improvement Team, helped develop Monster STEAM Night, and continues to lead the Monster STEAM night committee each year.

Mrs. Hargett has an excellent rapport with everyone at UCA. She is an inclusion teacher who works with our students in the classroom. She works closely with teachers to know and understand the lessons and assignments daily. She then ensures the content is delivered to her students, so they understand and retain new information. The students she works with know they can go to her and receive support when struggling. Mrs. Hargett does an outstanding job of keeping parents informed. Each week she sends Powerschool reports and emails to each of her students and their parents.

Mrs. Hargett has a positive attitude and will always do what is best for her students and UCA!

Even though we are recognizing some amazing teachers that support our student daily, we also want to recognize the students they serve that work so hard to do their best and bring so much joy to our schools.

ES- Colin Whitaker is in the 2nd grade at UCA. Colin is an outstanding student that is up to any challenge that he is faced with. Colin's determination and drive is a great representative of an Eagle. Colin loves Math and Science. Colin enjoys hands-on learning experiences. It has been a true blessing to have Colin in our class, and we are more than proud of all that he has and continues to accomplish.

MS- UCA Middle School would like to recognize Macy Wilson (6th grade). Macy has been working so hard in her classes. She engages in class discussions, keeps her notebooks organized, asks questions when she needs help, and has gone over and beyond with working out math problems to determine the correct answers. Macy is a good friend and is helpful to students around her. The effort and dedication she puts into learning 6th grade skills are commendable. I couldn't be prouder of her!

HS- The high school would like to recognize Leigha Jordan. She does a great job balancing school and working at Sir Pizza and is respectful and diligent in class. She is a very enthusiastic student who always has a smile on her face.

Consent agenda

- A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Reid, to approve the Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, September 8, 2022 Minutes. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Finance/Facilities

- Finance Committee Report: Mr. Nelson reported that state allotments had been receive. This allows the release of local supplement to paid out in November. 4% bonus in 2 allotments – this is the November 2% portion. This money is already included in the budet.
- Local Supplement Approval (*vote needed*)
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Zephir, seconded by Mr. Terry to approve the Local Supplement. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- National Board Supplement – Dr. Castelli shared that we did not receive the grant that was applied for. However, there was interest from teachers in a National Board supplement. It costs \$1900 to complete all 4 components. Mr. Zephir suggested a full reimbursement depending on the number of teachers interested. Dr. Castelli will work on getting a solid number of interested teachers to possibly establish a cohort. Mr. Vanderver suggested allowing families to sponsor a teacher to complete the National Board.

Governance

- Governance Committee Report – Governance had no new reports but is still currently working on new board member recruitment. Board member applications are posted on the website and social media. Mr. Bills suggested extending the deadline for new Board Members applications. There are 2 vacant board seats. Currently only one application has been submitted.
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Ms. Butler, to empower the Governance Committee that if 4 applications are not received by Oct 24, 2022, 7 days prior to the deadline, to extended the deadline for applications. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Academic Excellence

- Academic Excellence Committee Report –
 - i. HS – Monster Night is coming up and projects are gearing up. SIT Team meetings are going well, along with utilizing the Indistar platform. There are now 3 full time teachers in the EC Department.
 - ii. ES – Hispanic Heritage Night is upcoming. Mr. Wheat is meeting with the Elementary Teachers about their transition to their new building.
 - iii. MS –The middle school is focusing on standards, and making sure teaching is aligned to standards, along with project based learning.
- BT Plan (*vote needed*) – The observation tool has been updated and finalized.

- i. A motion was made by Mr. Terry, seconded by Ms. Mead to approve the BT Plan. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Data Review – The data was presented to Academic Excellence, and presented to the parent representatives yesterday. UCA has been designated as a low-performing . Dr. Castelli shared that UCA is Title 1 school, often being compared to Title 3, more affluent schools. UCA has 30 days to send home a letter letting the parents that we are low-performing, and create a school improvement plan.
- School Improvement Plan –
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Terry to approve the school improvement plan. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Other Business/New Business

- During the September board meeting a change was made to the bylaws. There will need to be a signed letter and Sept. minutes to update our bylaws with the State.

Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11

- A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Butler to enter closed session at 7:49 pm by Eric Ward, seconded by Chelsey Butler. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Adjourn

- A motion was made by Mr. Vanderveer, seconded by Mr. Zephir, to come out of closed session at 8:08 pm. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Butler to adjourn at 8:10pm. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.