

**Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
January 11, 2024 6:30pm Central Gym
Minutes**

Board Members Present

Valerie Dambreville Becca Mead John Reid
Chelsey Butler Greg Zephir Jonathan Thill
Kristian Allen Regina Rush

Board Member Absent

Ryan Terry Eric Ward Carter Bills

Administration Present

Michelle Barfield Chris Wheat
Sharon Castelli Cody Fracheur

Teachers Present

Tony Martin (HS) Chelsea Miller (MS)

Call to Order

- Chairperson Chelsey Butler called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Public Comment

- No public comment

E3 Awards

- For our students, we would like to nominate Teely Harris. Teely is our Student Council President, member of the Beta Club, and member of the girls basketball team. Teely works hard in everything she does. She is always willing to help students in any way possible and she has more school spirit than any other student in the building. Teely has a caring spirit and a true heart for others.

Consent agenda

- A motion was made by John Reid, seconded by Kristian Allen to approve the Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, November 9, 2023 Minutes. Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Finance/Facilities

- Finance Committee Report – Dr. Castelli reported on behalf on Mr. Ryan Nelson. She presented the November BVA. There will be a better capture of the spending come the

next board meeting. We just took care of the softball lights, supplement, Boxx modular payment – basically the last remaining items of some of bigger ticket items.

- Audit Update – Audit should be in hand very soon, and will have a presentation prepared for our February Board Meeting. We did receive an extension, but we have had 2 years of clean audits.
- 10-month, Part-Time Evening or Contracted Custodian – 29 hours at \$17 an hour. Mr. Wheat presented to the Finance Committee the request to add another position. However, we had a vacancy at the middle that we opted to fill with a part time position. So, this is really the other part of that position. It will be a 4pm – 9pm position, this person will be cleaning during the evening after athletic events. This will hopefully alleviate our overtime for all or most of our current custodians, who are also drivers, and serve lunches. This person will not drive an afternoon bus, and they will report to Mr. Wheat because they will be responsible for ALL 3 buildings based on events that are being held as well. Mr. Wheat will help facilitate their schedule to help with cleanliness of the buildings for evening events.
 - Motion Made by Jonthan Thill , seconded by Becca Mead to approve adding a 10 Month Part-Time Evening Custodian Position at \$17 per hour, and no more than 29 hours. Vote taken by voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried

Governance

- Governance Committee Report – Ms. Mead reported that they completed 8 interviews for their upcoming 3 positions. They have picked 3 people, and 1 alternate. They will be bringing a change to the Bylaws to the February Meeting.
- Board of Directors New Members: Ms. Mead reported that Meredith Arbiza, Elisha Savchak-Trodgon, Paige Fish, and the Alternate is Donald Sweeney are the recommended New Board Members.
 - A motion to approve New Board of Directors Members by Greg Zephir, seconded by John Reid . Vote Taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.
- Committee Member Nominations: Ms. Mead reported that Valery Dambreville is recommended for Academic Excellence. Ms. Mead also reported that Regina Rush is recommended for the Finance Committee.
 - A motion to approve Valery Dambreville Committee Member Nomination for Academic Excellence by John Reid, seconded by Greg Zephir. Vote Taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.
 - A motion to approve Regina Rush Committee Member Nomination for Finance Committee by Greg Zephir, seconded by Kristian Allen. Vote Taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.

Academic Excellence

- Academic Excellence Committee Report: Dr. Castelli reported that Academic Excellence met last week. Elementary School has had a good week. They have had their Dare Program and will begin the Care program. They have started their mid-year

assessments and will be having another Data Meeting to see where they are. They are working to complete the mid-year TLP's. They will have a Walkthrough Wednesday where teachers will be assigned to go see other teachers. Elementary School Teachers have been splitting their morning duties to help with the cold. In February they plan to have their Valentine Dance. Middle School is celebrating that Lee Haywood was nominated and won Teacher of the Year for all NC Charter Schools. The Principal shadow for the day was great. The cheerleaders had a successful season. All the Teachers are looking to incorporate 1 PBL during the Spring Semester. They have completed their 2nd Checkins, and are having Data Meetings to discuss the outcome. They had a Great Winter Wonderland Steam Night. Their Beta Club induction was planned but rescheduled due to weather. They had the One Man Volleyball Assembly today. One of their Students had their house burned down, and staff/students have been donating items! High School – Winterfest was successful prior to the break. Mr. Waddell kissed a GOAT! Last year at UCA we had 2 interns that were able to go out and experience a real-world career pathway. The hope with the Career Academy they would double that. We currently have 13 students who are now interns in our community. High School is in the middle of Exam week. They are transitioning to Second Semester. Clubs are gearing up for various competitions, and Spring Events. Mr. Martin spoke to what Skills USA – it's a hands-on club, and to showcase their talents – it encompasses culinary, automotive, carpentry. The statewide competition is about 3700 students from all over NC that is held at Koury Convention Center, GSO College, and Coliseum. They have a team of young ladies who will be competing in a contest that involves 1-minute speeches on topics that are chosen on the spot. He encouraged the board members to research Skills USA. Jonathan Thill asked if there were any paid internships, and there is some paid, and some that are not paid internships. There is an internship signing next Wednesday at 6pm to highlight our students who have been selected for Spring Semester Internships. Greg Zephir asked if we had welding – and yes, Mr. Davidson is our Metals Teacher who is working on welding, but along with fabrication, and other things that go along with welding. Greg Zephir talked about the specialized aspect of Welding with Stainless Steel and food grade – and the potential for their earnings. There really is a demand for these hands-on trades. Mr. Ward has also got his certification to train in transport HVAC Liquids, and we have about 40 students who are interested.

Other Business/New Business

- Ad Hoc Committee – Football Update. They did not have an Ad Hoc Committee meeting in December. But they will have a meeting here soon, and Mr. Wheat hopes to have 2 quotes for a football stadium from 2 vendors, one being Shelco. We are also focusing on Youth Football. Mr. Wheat met with them about getting certified with USA Football. Mr. Reid, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Wheat visited Lake Norman Charter and their football team, and facility – it was positive, and they got some good information about starting a program.

Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11

- A motion to move to closed by Jonathan Thill, seconded by Kristian Allen at 7:18pm. Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

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