



**Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
November 10, 2022 6:30pm Central Gym
Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Chelsey Butler
Ryan Terry
Eric Ward

Carter Bills
Jonathan Thill

John Reid
David VanDerveer

Not Present:

Kristian Allen
Rebecca Mead
Greg Zephir

Others Present

Michelle Barfield
Sharon Castelli
Cody Fracheur
Sherry Ficquette (MS)
Jessica Hoffmire (ES)
Ryan Nelson
JT Trogdon (HS)
Chris Wheat

1. Call to Order-

Mr. Bills called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Public Comment-

No speakers came forward during the public comment period.

3. E3 Awards-

Our E3 student of the month is Ella Hicks. Ella exemplifies the elements of PRIDE. She is always prepared for class, and she treats all of her teachers and classmates with respect. Ella demonstrates integrity by always doing the right thing. She works hard in all of her classes and shows determination to do her very best on every assignment. She also cares about her fellow classmates, and she is empathetic and kind. Beyond all of that Ella is wildly talented at art. She drew the jaw-dropping design that was chosen to win our Veterans Day card contest. Ella Hicks is incredibly deserving of the E3 award!

Our E3 teacher of the month is Ashley Haithcock. Ms. Haithcock always has a project going on! She is passionate about science and creates lessons that are fun and engaging while she makes sure the content is executed. She is passionate about her STEAM class and is making mats out of plastic bags that she will distribute to the homeless in our community. Her students are also crocheting a blanket that they will donate to our Harvest Festival. She is in charge of our Cool to Be Kind Club where she teaches students how to embrace diversity while learning to be kind to everyone. Her club has joined partnerships with another group and they are selling breakfast items on Fridays. They will use the money raised to help provide scholarships for the 8th graders going to Washington, DC in the spring. She definitely goes above and beyond for our students and her colleagues.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Ryan Terry to approve the Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, October 13, 2022 Minutes and Called Meeting – October 22, 2022. Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. Finance/Facilities

1. Finance Committee Report: Nothing significant to report. Mr. Nelson shared that the recent Chromebook devices purchases totaled approximately \$310k and delivery is expected for next week.

2. Construction Update: The admin building shell is complete and crane has moved out. The main lingering item is sewer issue, that Randolph County and Asheboro City have worked together to develop a solution for. The project is still currently on schedule. End of May to build this new sewer station to get our certificate of occupancy. Wheat met with construction regarding the interior of the building today. The sewer was the last major hurdle in terms of permits, and potential hiccups.

3. National Board Supplement: Met with the interest group lead by Mr. Tarlton. 11 total who are interested in the National board Supplement. We are looking at fully funding the National Board process for our teachers, created a memorandum of agreement and presented that to our committees.

1. A Motion was made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Van Derveer, to approve the National Board Supplement, along with a 2-year agreement from the Teachers upon successful completion of the National Board components. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.

6. Governance

1. Governance Committee Report: There were no updates.
2. Board Nominations Update: There are currently five applicants for upcoming 2023 Board Member interviews.

7. Academic Excellence

1. Academic Excellence Committee Report: Teacher Representatives from each school provided updates to the Board.
 1. Middle school is looking at standards by student and class, along with a vertical alignment component. 6th grade is piloting the NC Check-ins this year in Math and ELA, beyond using iReady. Beta Club Induction is upcoming, along with Special Olympics.

2. Elementary School hosted their Hispanic Heritage night and had a good turnout. Teachers visited the HS to prepare for upcoming move and began compiling inventory to prepare for deficits. Farm day is coming up next week – FFA is coming, 4H, along with Drones in Farming.
 3. High School – Mr. Trogdon shared that things at the High School are going well. The recent Monster Night was a success and involved UCA orchestra, chorus, and dance (Wheat on Drums!) teams. Mr. Trogdon shared that fall sports have officially ended, with several teams earning a playoff bid.
2. Charter Renewal Update: Dr. Castelli shared that UCA was up for a 10-year Charter renewal, but UCA is currently low-performing – so there has been more discussion with NCDPI. However, we are above our current cohort within Randolph County. Dr. Castelli sent documentation over to demonstrate our data. Voting will take place in January. Will be notified of designation as 7 or 10-year renewal in the spring. UCA does meet qualifications for 10-year renewal.

8. Other Business/New Business

Dr Castelli shared that she is working with admin and staff to outline smoother process for Called Meetings.

9. Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11

A motion was made by Mr. Thill, seconded by Mr. Nelson to go into closed session at 7:37 pm. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Open Meeting concluded at 7:38 pm.

Mr. Wheat, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Barfield, Ms. Hoffmire, Ms. Ficquette, Mr. Trogdon, and Mr. Fracheur left the meeting.

Mr. Bills called the Closed Session to order at 7:43 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Van Derveer, to come out of closed session at 8:00 p.m. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

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10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Van Derveer, seconded by Mr. Ward to adjourn at 8:01 pm

UCA Board Vision Statement: Uwharrie Charter Academy is the model of innovative learning environments where curiosity, adaptability, and critical thinking are inspired through transformative methods and passionate educators preparing graduates for the rapidly evolving world.