

**Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
February 8, 2024 6:30pm Central Gym
Minutes**

Board Members Present

Valerie Dambreville	Becca Mead	John Reid
Ryan Terry	Chelsey Butler	Eric Ward
Carter Bills	Greg Zephir	
Kristian Allen		

Board Member Absent

Jonathan Thill	Regina Rush
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Administration Present

Chris Wheat	Ryan Nelson
Sharon Castelli	Cody Fracheur

Teachers Present

Megan Rave (HS)	Chelsea Miller (MS)	Colleen Stanley (ES)
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Call to Order

- ___ Chairperson Chelsey Butler called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Public Comment

- No public comment

E3 Awards

- Staff - Jody Cox -- Our staff winner of the E3 award this month has impressed everyone with his strong work ethic and commitment to doing whatever it takes to make our campuses look better. Since joining our team a few months ago, he has worked to plug and seed our yards, cut and remove trees, and keep our parking lots and playground looking fresh and clean. He is also working on seeding a new soccer practice field at our Ludlum Lane facility. Staff have commented on how helpful he is, and how he never seems to take a break. We are blessed to have Mr. Jody Cox as our February 2024 Staff E3 winner.
- For our E3 awards this month, we wanted to honor a few of our bus riders that brighten the day of our drivers -- Our first student E3 winner this month is Layden Brafford. Layden's bus driver tells us that he is one of the most respectful and courteous students he has ever met. Layden is very quiet and always stays in his seat. We appreciate how he greets his driver each day and how he can be counted on to do the right thing. Congratulations Layden. Our next student E3 winner this month is Sarai Cazarin Perez.

Sarai's bus driver is very thankful of how she always follows the rules and stays in her seat. She is very respectful and helpful, and always has a smile on her face. Thank you to Sarai and her family for showing Eagle pride on the bus every day.

Consent Agenda

- A motion was made by **Carter Bills**, seconded by **Ryan Terry** to approve the Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, January 11, 2024 Minutes. *Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Finance/Facilities

- Finance Committee Report: Reports are in member folders. Federal Title 1 funding now available.
- Audit Update: Turned in last items requested today. Should have audit information available for the next board meeting.
- Safer Schools Grant Expenditure Update: Requested \$286,000.00 and was awarded \$200,000.00

Governance

- Governance Committee Report (See proposal) Attempt to keep historical context in place. Question was asked why this has come up in the middle of a school year. (Greg Zephyr). It has been long standing what the term limits were and were in place. Need institutional knowledge. (Chelsey Butler)
- ByLaw Change – Term Limits: This is a rough draft and we can take it up in March at the next meeting.
- MOU for Support Organizations (See Copy of MOU) Anything that uses UCA branding to make money, MOU Agreement allows the Superintendent, or designee, to request audit and oversee the operation. Have 15 days to report the receiver of funds. Expected to share reports to the Board of Directors annually. Each organization should present a report once a year. Should be accountable to UCA's core values and mission statement. We need to provide Due Process. Dr. Castelli will make changes and submit back to the Governance Committee.

Academic Excellence

- Academic Excellence Committee Report: ES-Ms. Hoffmire has applied for several grants for several items around the school. Middle of year assessments are complete. Waiting to receive data and set up meetings. MS-Completed professional development. Process of having "failure meetings" and having conversations and meeting with students/parents. Had 22 students inducted into BETA Club. HS- Back to back state champions in wrestling. Students attended the BETA Conference and four students received awards. 8th grade dance scheduled for May 17, 2024.

- A motion to approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar was made by **Kristian Allen**, seconded by **Becca Mead**. *Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Superintendent's Mid-Year Update

- Dr. Castelli went through a list of items on her mid-year report including items from Development and Administration, Community Relations, State Level Relations, Financial Management and Legal Compliance, Board of Directors Support and Relationships and other noted items.

Other Business/New Business

- Ad Hoc Committee – Football Update: Football planning committee made again this month. Had several discussions with AD's. Had two proposals for our football stadium. Shelco \$7.5 million and Van Noy Construction \$9.2 million. Both drawings were shown to BOD. Hoping to land on a vendor in the next couple of months. Fundraising is going to be key. Working on creating UCA's own youth football program/teams.

Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11

- A motion to move to closed by **Carter Bills**, seconded by **Becca Mead** at **8:17 p.m.**. *Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*
- A motion to come out of closed session made by Greg Zephir, seconded by **Eric Ward** at **9:31 p.m.**. *Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*
- A motion to adjourn by Greg Zephir , seconded by **Carter Bills** at **9:34 p.m.**. *Vote taken by Voice. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

Adjourn