



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### *January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)*

#### **Board Members Present:**

K. Hall, A. Wilder, A. Mead, M. Piernick

#### **Guests Present:**

E. Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth

### **I. Opening Items**

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Hall called a meeting of the board of directors of United Community School to order on January 12, 2021 @ 5:36 PM.

#### **Approve Minutes**

M. Piernick made a motion to approve December board meeting minutes. *Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

#### **Approve Agenda**

*Motion to approve by A. Wilder. Seconded by G. Lane. **Approved Unanimously.***

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **• December Budget**

- A copy of the reconciled December budget was given to the board. T. Hedgepeth pointed out that the school is on track to finish the school year strong financially. There was no further discussion.

#### **• Facility Expansion**

- T. Hedgepeth gave an update on the installation of the new modular classrooms. He mentioned that the architect is going through process of submitting permits now. The additional classrooms that will be able to accommodate the projected growth of the school over the next several years. The construction cost is currently on budget.

#### **• Beginning Teacher Support Program**

- E. Hedgepeth presented the changes to the Beginning Teacher Support Plan. She indicated that UCS needed to add the following language to the plan:

*Completion of the recent graduate survey by the Beginning Teacher (BT) and the employer survey by the principal of the school during the BT's first year of teaching as part of the requirements to measure the performance of Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) stated in GS 115C-269.35. The surveys must be completed at the end of the first year of teaching.*

- *Motion to approve by M. Piernick. Seconded by A. Mead. **Approved Unanimously.***
- **Charter School Amendment - High School Expansion**
  - E. Hedgepeth provided an update in the process for United Community School to add high school. She outlined the steps the school will need to take. She mentioned that since we were not able to receive a school grade last year, we have no choice but to apply for the expansion. K. Hall mentioned that after spending a couple of years evaluating the expansion, he supports UCS moving forward with applying for the high school expansion. *K. Hall made a motion to submit an application to the state to request expanding our charter to include high school. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***
- **COVID-19 Update**
  - E. Hedgepeth provided the board an update on the impact COVID-19 is having on the UCS community. She mentioned that UCS is currently in plan C. The plan is to go back to plan B on Tuesday, January 19. Families will be required to fill out a detailed COVID questionnaire before they can come back. The questionnaire will be sent through Google Forms a week before school starts plan B.
- **School Improvement Meeting**
  - E. Hedgepeth provided the board an update on the school improvement meeting. The board looked over the materials. There was no further discussion.
- **New Hire**
  - E. Hedgepeth presented John Frazier, Jr. to be hired as long-term substitute. She provided his resume for the board's review. *Motion to approve by A. Mead. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall