

UNIVERSAL ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2017

School Board meeting location: Coppell

Members Present:

Mike McKee
Dana Jobe
Perkina Gross-Dickerson
Jim Morris
Janice Blackmon
Diane Moshier
Diane Harris
Sandra Hall
Yolanda Brown

Members Absent:

Sharon Greggs M.D

Attendees :

Paul King
Tommy Fuller

Chair Mike McKee called the School Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Voting Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the board minutes 11/17/2016 with corrections by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Harris. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board.

Items for Individual Consideration

Discussion and Approval of Financial Audit Report- Tommy Fuller & Janice Blackmon

Financial Audit is due January 28th to TEA.

Mr. Fuller recommended that due to negative net assets: \$1m dollar donation from Education leads to success is not included.

Ms. Blackmon discussed information about depreciation being at \$800,000 per year for Coppell campus only. We are losing assets faster on the front end. The board will vote on Financial Audit on January 24, 2017, after issues are addressed.

Discussion and Approval of Financial Policies- Tommy Fuller

Mr. Fuller discussed each of the Texas Charter School Association Model Board Policies that were recommended for adoption.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Annual Operating Budget Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Harris. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Use of State Funds Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Dana Jobe. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA State Fiscal Compliance Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Yolanda Brown. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Federal Fiscal Compliance Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Sandra Hall. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Cash Management & Credit Card Procedures Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Harris. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Electronic Signatures Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Moshier. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Capital Assets Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Jim Morris. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Investment of State Funds Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Yolanda Brown. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Property Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Jim Morris. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion was made to approve the TCSA Purchasing & Contracting Board Policies by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Harris. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Discussion and Approval of Playground purchase- Tommy Fuller

Mr. Fuller discussed the history of the playground

- Stored for a couple of years
- Maintenance by the private school originally
- CPS determined private school could not use play ground
- Board meeting approved to purchase all equipment including playground
- UA has paid for one repair in the amount of \$2,900.00
- Private school has two choices
 - sell playground to some else
 - sell playground to UA

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the playground for \$47,950.00 for by Chair Mike McKee and seconded by Diane Moshier. Three members Abstained from the vote: Diane Harris, Janice Blackmon and Perkin Gross Dickerson. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Discussion and Approval of Foreign Investment Opportunity- Janice Blackmon

Ms. Blackmon discussed opportunity in India

- Our parents leave frequently to go to India
- Universal Academy name respected in India

- Open a school for 2000 students in India
- Investor wants to partner with UA
- Franchise and Train
- Discussion about how other schools work with international schools
- Investor wants to meet with UA
- We need more information to make a decision.

Discussion and Approval of Prosperity Bank proposal- Janice Blackmon

- Education Leads To Success (ELTS) to refinance property
- 1.2m to be donated to school when loan is processed
- School Board has already approved

Informational Briefings:

Bond Update

- None

Campus 101& 102 Dine Harris & Dana Jobe

- New program to train the brain similar to Arrowsmith works on all students
 - Six games works in 30 min cycles.
 - Training Saturday Jan. 21, 2017
 - 800 min then an assessment is taken
 - 3rd- 8th in Irving
 - 3rd-12th in Coppell
 - IDEA-B grant & NLCB grant to pay a portion of purchase
 - Using this program will bring students one level above grade level
- Dove mountain- Dolly Leadership training
 - Confirmed we were on the cutting edge of education
- State Report Card
 - New Program for grading schools
 - New Module that we did not report caused UA to receive a “F”
 - We will get a team together to learn the process
- Trick or Truck – 31 October 2016 in Irving
- Middle School Choir won 24- 1st place
- 48 students took PSAT
- Focusing on instruction more rigor
- Continue to Build Positive Culture and Climate

Technology

- Tabled

Microphone Speakers

- Tabled

Monthly Financial Update

- Budget Actual(working on)

Chair Mike McKee motioned that the school board meeting be adjourned and Jim Morris seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.