

United Community School  
Board Meeting  
February 19, 2018

I. Opening Items

- A. Board Member Attendance: Antonia Mead, Vernie White, Antonio Wilder, Guy Lane, Mark Piernick, Ken Hall.
- B. Others in Attendance: Erika Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth, Phillip Adkins (attorney), and 19 Guests.
- C. Meeting Called to Order at 6:02pm
- D. Approval of Agenda. 1st White, 2nd Wilder, approved by all
- E. Opening Statement read by Ken Hall. Board's email was given to guests. Questions from email responded to in opening statement.
- F. Public Comments- Larissa Ek, Natalie McNeish, Patricia Johnson, Michelle Inhofer, Joanna Von Staden, Leslie Owens, Keri Meredith, Matthew Beachum, Julie Delesdernier, Phillip Adkins
- G. Approval of 1/22/18 Minutes- Motion: Wilder, 2nd: Lane, Approval- All

II. Finances

- A. Budget. T. Hedgepeth presented the budget to the board. He indicated that we are facing a deficit primarily due to building expansion. We are projecting to use nearly \$27,000 of cash reserves to cover the projected deficit. He talked about how it was important for the board to make budget adjustments so that we can set ourselves up for our 4th clean audit in 4 years. Fundraising was discussed. Goal is \$40,000; need to raise \$33,000. EC financial strain discussed. EC deficit is less than last year's, however, it remains a financial challenge due to lack of equitable funding. EC funding per child is \$3900, but often times cost is more to provide the student with essential services. He stated that the inequitable funding doesn't change our commitment to meeting our students' needs.
- B. Modular Building Update. Operating under Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Company that provided building is paying for additional cost. Final CO should be received in the next couple of weeks.

III. Academics

- A. Assessment Data. Mid-Year assessments, including Mock EOG's, for each grade level presented by E. Hedgepeth. Reading diagnostic (Exact Path) only administered to students below grade level. All 3-5 grades use Exact Path for math intervention.
- B. E. Hedgepeth discussed the school improvement meeting. Met last Tuesday. Discussed ways to improve math grade. Team discussed posting math bulletin boards, math facts in halls. One teacher recommended common time to practice math as an entire school (similar to DEAR time).
- C. School Update Post Staff Changes. Dance, art, PE will continue. Yoga not returning. Changes starting the 26th. Upper grades pleased with schedule changes (more effective use of time). Loss of dean of

students position resulted in Admin team taking primary responsibility for student discipline. E. Hedgepeth noted that we need volunteers for recess and specials to have 2 adults present. Floater in EC room.

#### IV. Recruitment

- A. E. Hedgepeth presented upcoming events. 2/21 Donut Fundraiser. 2/23 Daddy/Daughter Dance. 2/27 School Improvement Meeting. 3/2 Staff vs Parents Bball Game & Enrichment Clubs Showcase. 3/13 School Improvement Meeting. 3/16 Donuts w/Dads Watch DOGS event. 3/17 Swarm Fest. 3/28 Science Fair. 3/29- Career Day.
- B. Lottery Update - E. Hedgepeth talked about the Lottery to be held on March 15th at 12:30 pm in the school gymnasium. T. Hedgepeth talked about the new automated system. Mead asked about media promotion; due to cost suggested free avenues (i.e., radio talk shows).
- C. Introduction of Board Members to the guests. Motion to go into closed session to personnel and Zoning Attorney, to discuss 2018-19 Expansion and Staffing.

\*\*\* Guy motion to go to closed session. Wilder 2nd. Approval by all.\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*Motion to go back to open session by Guy. 2nd by Wilder. Approval by all.\*\*\*

The Board voted unanimously to expand grade levels to 6th Grade.

The Board voted unanimously to not undergo any building expansion next year.

The Board voted unanimously to add a part time Teacher Partner position.

- I. Motion by Lane to adjourn. 2nd by Wilder. Approval by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.