

**Regular Board Meeting
Minutes for October 26, 2020**

1929 W. Arrowood Road, Charlotte NC 28217

Present: Dana Goldfarb, Marty McCarthy, Mike Ingram, Susan Walker, Bryan Butler, Jason Cole, Joe Young, Clifton Vann and William Hodges

School Representatives: Sheila Goad, Alicia Hamp, Erica Blackson.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Whisnant

A. CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

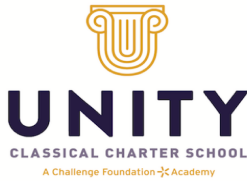
Meeting was called to order by S. Walker at 5:05 pm. It was established that a quorum was present. The meeting was held via teleconference.

- A. Next two meetings: November 16 and December 14, 2020 @ 5:00 pm at Unity Classical and/or via Hangouts remote meeting
- B. Mission Statement read by S. Walker. Through classical education's rigor, Unity Classical Charter School will develop intellectually, morally and physically excellent citizens who embrace learning and the desire to serve.
- C. *Adoption of Agenda.* M. McCarthy motioned to adopt the agenda and C. Vann seconded. Motion passed.
- D. *Approval of September Minutes.* M. McCarthy motioned to adopt the agenda and C. Vann seconded. Motion passed.

B. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Motion to appoint Bryan Butler to the Unity Board. J. Cole motioned to appoint B. Butler to the Board for Unity Classical. M. McCarthy seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
- b. S. Walker Announced the Board Meeting schedule for 2021: 1-25, 2-20 for board retreat in place of Feb. Board meeting., 3-22, 4-26, 5-24, 6-28, 7-26, 8-23, 9-27, 10-25, 11-15, 12-13.
- c. *Treasurer's Report* – Dana Goldfarb
 - Good financial position.
 - We applied for and received a team CFA grant; our student population did not support Title 1 funding
 - Working on a forecast for next year to align with the new facilities
 - Also looking into salary increases for teachers and team
- d. *Facilities Update* - Dana Goldfarb and Marty McCarthy

S. Walker reported that someone from the board to be involved in the planning process for our new facilities. D. Goldfarb has stepped up to take on that role. He will update B. Butler by Nov. 8th. Discussion followed on property closing, and enrollment expectations for the new facility.
- e. *Marketing Update* – William Hodges and Sheila Goad
 - will hold this for closed session



C. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- Started our state mandated distance days. First three are done and two more to go.
- Holding monthly staff meetings and weekly team meetings by grade.
- State has mandated some new Professional Development training so school is holding these as well as already scheduled PD:
 - Finished the Conscious Discipline Training.
 - Parent Square training
 - Sex Trafficking and Prevention Education training
 - Bloodborne Pathogens training
- Fall Festival parade coming up Nov. 6. Dress-up and carpool parade to help cohesion as a school community
- 245 current students. Dec. will start open enrollment to 2021-2022.
- Update on Charter Renewal: Have been recommended for the standard 5 year charter school renewal period.

Ms. Hamp: Update on Star testing.

- STAR: 5 areas of data: Above Grade Level, At proficiency, On watch, Intervention, Urgent Intervention. School numbers are pretty high. Discussion followed on data from testing and intervention methods being used to help student growth. Also discussed the impact of COVID on data and attendance.
- *NWEA vs. Starr.* *NWEA was broken into 4 categories and star breaks into 5.*
- S. Goad reviewed federal funding and if any funding is based on these test results. Discussion followed.

Discussion and vote to include a schedule for reopening under Covid.

- S. Goad: Governor has opened up the option of returning to school 5 days a week. We still have to encourage social distancing, and it is a little harder for our school because of some smaller classrooms. Goad shared NC COVID and Mecklenburg County Dept. of health data with the board. Discussion followed.
- S. Goad recommends to hold where we currently are with Hybrid and Remote learning plans. M. McCarthy motioned that we follow Goad's recommendation to remain in current learning plans and revisit in January. D. Goldfarb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. CLOSED SESSION

1. The Chair will now entertain a motion that the Board go into closed session under NC General Statute 143-318.11 (6) to consider the acquisition of real property with no final action to be taken in closed session. Do I hear such a motion? If there will be no additional business in open session, the meeting will adjourn after the closed session.

M. McCarthy motioned to go into closed session at 6:50 pm. C. Vann seconded. Motion passed.

- ### E. ADJOURN
- S. Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7pm. W. Hodges seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.