



Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting

Board Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

E. Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth, P. Adkins, Many Parents

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 February 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM.

Approve Minutes

A. Mead made a motion to approve the February board meeting minutes. *Seconded by A. Wilder. Approved Unanimously.*

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve by A. Mead. Seconded by M. Piernick. Approved Unanimously.

Public Comments

Multiple parents were given 2 minutes each to provide comments on what the board should do in regards to the masking policy.

• Masking Policy

- The board of directors called this special meeting to hear from parents about their thoughts on whether to lift the masking policy or to keep the policy. After the comments from the parents, P. Adkins, the school attorney, shared some research and data on having a masking policy. E. Hedgepeth showed the result of the electronic poll of the UCS parents and other stakeholders. 60.7% voted to keep the mask mandate and 35.7% voted to lift it. 3.6% voted to require masks for staff but not students. E. Hedgepeth noted that, on tomorrow, Mecklenburg County will be voting whether to lift the mandate for our county due to a decline in cases. E. Hedgepeth made a recommendation for UCS to wait and see how they vote, then go along with whatever is decided for the county. Afterwards, the board discussed the best course of action.

K. Hall made a motion to make the wearing of mask optional at UCS. *Seconded by A. Wilder. The motion was tied at 2-2. Therefore the motion failed. The current policy will remain in effect. The board will revisit this item at the next board meeting*

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 06:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall