



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

**Board Members Present:**

K. Hall, A. Wilder, A. Mead, M. Piernick, C. Holzshu, V. White

**Guests Present:**

E. Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth, P. Adkins, Other Guests.

**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 March 8, 2022 @ 5:30 PM.

**Approve Minutes**

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

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Public Comments**

Several parents spoke mostly to the topic of the mask mandates.

• **Board Member**

- The board spoke with new board member prospect, Chad Holzshu. He expressed his interest in serving on the UCS board. He is the Business Portfolio Manager at Lowe's Corporation.

*A motion was made by K. Hall to offer Chad Holzshu a spot on the UCS board of directors. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

• **School Budget**

- The board was given an updated budget for this year. Projections are still looking strong. There were no changes needed at this time.

• **Increase Music Contract**

- T. Hedgepeth asked the board to consider increasing the Music teacher's contract due to the extra work that is being put in for the annual performance. K. Hall expressed concern about the legalities of increasing a contract that was already signed. P. Adkins said he can check to make sure there are no issues with this and report back to the board.

*A motion was made by K. Hall to revise the music teacher's contract, pending the review of the school attorney. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **Facility**

- T. Hedgepeth provided an update to the board on options he is exploring for building options. He gave a list of 5 options to the board and detailed the facility options that appear to be viable options for UCS. He mentioned that he will be meeting with the top two options in person over the next month. From these meetings, he will report to the board the best option moving forward. T. Hedgepeth noted that modular project is all but abandoned at this point. He will have a final report at the next board meeting.

- **Masking Policy**

- E. Hedgepeth reminded the board that, by law, school boards have to vote to continue requiring face masks at every board meeting going forward. E. Hedgepeth noted that Mecklenburg County did lift the county mask mandate. She recommended that we continue to follow our local government on these decisions. She supports an optional masking policy that mirrors the county's policy. The board deliberated.

*A. Wilder made a motion to make remove the UCS mask mandate and to make it optional for students and staff wear masks. Seconded by K. Hall. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **2022-23 School Calendar**

- E. Hedgepeth recommended the drafted 2022-23 school calendar to the board for approval. The board asked a few questions about it.

*A motion was made to adopt the recommended 2022-23 school calendar draft by A. Mead. Seconded by V. White. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **School Improvement Meeting**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the following SIP update:
  - The team met on February 23rd. The SIP team discussed our current school improvement goals and what tangible data we can bring to each meeting. The team decided on attendance and tardy data since it is a big factor in student performance.

- **Enrollment Data**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the board a report with current applications for the 2022 lottery. The lottery is scheduled to be held tomorrow.

- **Upcoming Events**

- E. Hedgepeth provided a board with a list of upcoming events on the calendar for the remainder of the year.

#### **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 06:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall