



Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

E. Hedgepeth, P. Adkins

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

K. Hall called a meeting of the board of directors of United Community School to order at 5:35 PM.

Approve Minutes

A. Wilder made a motion to approve the April board meeting minutes. *Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

Approve Agenda

*Motion to approve by C. Holzshu. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously.***

Public Comments

None.

• **Assessment Data and New Reading Curriculum**

- E. Hedgepeth discussed the recent increase in student motivation and effort, particularly in reading, which she attributed to incentives implemented by the admin team. She also mentioned the introduction of tutoring sessions for students who barely passed the previous year's EOG, with the aim of improving their scores. They also reviewed the check-in data and iReady diagnostic data, noting that many students were close to being proficient and that half of the 7th and 8th graders met their stretch growth.
- The school improvement team presented a recommendation to the Board to adopt a new reading curriculum, Magnetic Reading, and Foundations, with an implementation start date of July 1st.

*Motion to approve the adoption of Magnetic Reading and Foundations as the new reading curriculum with an implementation date of July 1st by M. Piernick. Seconded by A. Mead. **Approved Unanimously.***

• **School Improvement Team Meeting**

- The School Improvement Team announced that the staff survey resulted in a vote to adopt a new reading curriculum (iReady reading called Magnetic Reading and Foundations). The SIT reviewed NC Check-In data and i-Ready diagnostic data and discussed what the trends reveal. They noticed that many of the bubble students missed proficiency by 1-2

questions. Many students met their typical growth on the EOY iReady and ½ of 7th/8th graders met their stretch growth. The SIT discussed how in this final stretch of the year, fact fluency efforts need to continue but maybe as homework since class time is devoted to math comprehension and reteaching skills. The team discussed the next incentives for EOG growth.

- **Upcoming events**

- In the meeting, Erika discussed the following upcoming events:
 - May 15: Morning Buzz @ 8:00 a.m.
 - May 16: EOG Pep Rally
 - May 20: Tutoring Ends
 - May 20: NewBee Night @ 5:30 p.m.
 - May 21: School Improvement Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
 - May 29: Spring Music Performance @ 10:00 a.m.
 - May 30: Athletic Banquet @ 5:30 p.m.
 - May 30: Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony @ 9:00 a.m.
 - May 30: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ 11:00 a.m.
 - June 2: St. Thomas Facility Meeting
 - June 2: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ 5:30 p.m.
 - June 3: Last Day of School

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 06:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall