



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

**Board Members Present:**

K. Hall, A. Wilder, Piernick, C. Holzshu

**Guests Present:**

E. Hedgepeth, Tim Hedgepeth, P. Adkins, M. Beachum (Parent)

**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 14, 2023 @ 5:32 PM.

**Approve Minutes**

K. Hall made a motion to approve the February board meeting minutes. *Seconded by C. Holzshu. **Approved Unanimously.***

**Approve Agenda**

*Motion to approve by K. Hall. Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

**Public Comments**

None.

• **2023-24 Academic Calendar**

- E. Hedgepeth talked through the proposed academic calendar for the 2023-24 school year. She made a recommendation to the board to accept the calendar as is.

*A motion was made by C. Holzshu to approve the academic calendar for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

• **Parent Engagement Policy**

- E. Hedgepeth presented the board with a proposed update to the school Parent Engagement Policy. Below is the proposed amendment:

*"For the purposes of this policy, the term "parent and family engagement" means the participation of parents, guardians, and other family members in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student learning and other school activities including ensuring the following:"*

*M. Piernick made a motion to accept the proposed policy change to the school Parent Engagement Policy. Seconded by C. Holzshu. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **Charter Amendments**

- E. Hedgepeth proposed two amendments to the school charter. These recommendations come after consultation with DPI:

1. "Teachers will also loop with students for 3 school years."

**CHANGE TO**

"Teachers may-loop with students for 2 years with the option to double loop based on data."

2. "Every class will have 1 teacher and 1 assistant. Kindergarten and 1st grade are when the foundations of learning are being laid; these grade levels will each have 1 extra floating assistant, resulting in a Teacher to Student ratio of 1:10 in these grades."

**CHANGE TO**

"Classes will have both teachers and assistants supporting students throughout the day. Kindergarten is the grade level when foundations of learning are being laid; these classes may have a teacher and an assistant in each classroom for the full day."

*A. Wilder made a motion to accept the proposed policy change to the school Parent Engagement Policy. Seconded by C. Holzshu. **Approved Unanimously.***

- **Enrollment Update**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the board with an update on the school enrollment and the school Lottery. All grade levels have a waitlist except 3rd grade.

- **School Improvement Meeting**

- E. Hedgepeth provided the following SIP update:
  - The next SIT meeting is Wednesday, March 22 from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. in the 2nd grade classroom upstairs. The SIT will continue to review and respond to coaching comments from the Department of Public Instruction.

- **Upcoming Events**

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

- **Tardy Policy**

- E. Hedgepeth proposed an amendment to the current school staff tardy policy. After considerable discussion, the board decided that they will take a look at the current tardy policy and compare it to the recommended changes. The board decided table changes to this policy at this time.

- **School Budget**

- T. Hedgepeth mentioned that he will send an updated monthly school budget to the board on Thursday, March 16.

- **Closed Session - Facility Discussions**

*K. Hall made a motion that the board go into closed session to discuss school facility. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously at 6:03 PM.***

*K. Hall made a motion that the board exit closed session. Seconded by A. Wilder. **Approved Unanimously at 6:25 PM.** No official decisions were made.*

#### **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 06:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall