



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
*April 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes*

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

E. Hedgepeth, P. Adkins, T. Hedgepeth

**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 5:30 PM.

**Approve Minutes**

C. Holzshu made a motion to approve the March board meeting minutes. *Seconded by A. Mead. **Approved Unanimously.***

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Public Comments**

None.

• **Budget Update**

- Timothy presented a budget adjustment proposal, aiming to decrease overall expenses by \$40,000. He suggested reducing the hospitalization cost, adjusting instructional supplies, and decreasing the field trip budget. He also proposed increasing the building repair budget and reducing custodial services. Timothy further suggested reducing miscellaneous contracts, security monitoring, instructional equipment, office equipment, and reproduction costs. He also proposed adjusting salaries and increasing instructional software and student, staff, and technology expenses. The proposed adjustments would result in a net decrease of \$35,000 in expenses and a potential surplus of \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- The board discussed the budget for the current year, with a focus on the expenses and income.

*C. Holzshu made a motion to approve the revised budget with the recommended budget amendments. Seconded by M. Piernick. **Approved Unanimously.***

• **Assessment Data**

- E. Hedgepeth presented a report on assessments conducted in March. She highlighted the growth in reading proficiency among kindergarten, first, and second-grade students, with 50% and 43% of them being on grade level, respectively. E. Hedgepeth also mentioned the challenges faced by some students, such as being English language learners or having

severe attendance issues. She noted that all first-grade students grew in reading proficiency from the beginning of the year to the March assessment. E. Hedgepeth also discussed the results of the NC Check-ins for third through eighth-grade students, which showed growth in science.

- E. Hedgepeth proposed changing the math curriculum to iReady Math. She explained the results of the research on the curriculum by the school improvement team. She indicated that iReady Math is more straightforward and differentiated, and is expected to save teachers' planning time. If adopted, the new curriculum will be implemented after July 1st, and it is expected to be cheaper than the previous one.

*A. Mead made a motion to accept the recommendation to switch the school math curriculum to iReady and implement this new curriculum on July 1st, 2025. Seconded by L. Carter.  
**Approved Unanimously.***

- **Upcoming School Events**

- E. Hedgepeth discussed the upcoming school events, including a sneaker ball dance on May 2nd, an athletic banquet on May 30th, and a promotion ceremony for kindergartners and 5th graders on May 31st. She also mentioned a graduation ceremony for 8th graders on June 2nd and the last day of school on June 3rd.

- **Board Training**

- School attorney, P. Adkins took over the discussion to review the school bylaws.
- P. Adkins discussed the need to update the bylaws of the corporation, including changing the address and ensuring the fiscal year aligns with the current year. He also highlighted the importance of holding annual elections for the Board of Directors and officers, and suggested increasing the number of directors to an odd number.
- P. Adkins also explained the conflict of interest policy and the process for special meetings.

#### **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 06:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall