



Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

E. Hedgepeth, Tim 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 on September 12, 2023 @ 5:31 PM.

Approve Minutes

K. Hall made a motion to approve the August board meeting minutes. *Seconded by A. Mead. Approved Unanimously.*

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve by M. Piernick. Seconded by C. Holzshu. Approved Unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

• **New Policies and SB 45**

- P. Adkins, school attorney, presented and explained the new state laws SB 45 and 49 and how they affect UCS. The board decided to review these policies over the next month. They also asked for P. Adkins to start drafting the policy changes for UCS for discussion and approval at the upcoming board meetings. The policies and laws P. Adkins discussed were:
 - Copy of SB 45
 - POLICY FOR PARENTAL REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL
 - POLICY FOR PARENTAL RIGHT TO OPT-IN TO PROTECTED INFORMATION SURVEYS
 - POLICY FOR RAISING PARENTAL CONCERNS
 - POLICY REGARDING NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT STUDENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
 - Revised Policies and procedures for SB 49 outline of tasks 8-24-23
 - Revised Staff and School Requirements for SB 49

• **Transgender Student Policy Update**

- P. Adkins made a recommendation to the board to update the transgender student policy to the following policy:
 - *Should a student request that they be called by a name, not on their birth certificate or a legal name change judgment, or that they be addressed using pronouns opposite their biological gender, the school will notify the student's parents or legal guardians. The student's request will be denied **unless the***

parents also request the change in name or pronouns. Students may be called by a derivative of their legal name, such as “Libby” or “Beth” for Elizabeth or a commonly used nickname such as “Dick” for Richard. The principal will have the discretion to decide whether a derivative or nickname is commonly used.

M. Piernick made a motion to approve the policy as stated. *Seconded by C. Holzshu. **Motion approved 4-1. A. Wilder abstained.***

- **Closed Session - Facility Discussions**

*K. Hall made a motion that the board go into closed session to discuss school facility. Seconded by A. Mead. **Approved Unanimously at 6:10 PM.***

*K. Hall made a motion that the board exit closed session. Seconded by A. Mead. **Approved Unanimously at 6:17 PM.** No decisions were made.*

- **New Hires**

- E. Hedgepeth made a motion to hire R. Dorma-Speid. She talked through her resume.

A. Wilder made a motion to formerly hire the people presented on the list. *Seconded by M. Piernick. **Motion approved unanimously.***

- **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 06:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Hall