

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014**

Present: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Ed Cavalier, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Absent:

Media Notification: Erica Bryant of the Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the October 2, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting on September 22, 2014. Public notice was also posted in the school.

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Sidney Moore and the mission statement was shared.

Motion 141002.1 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by Nelson Blish, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint Augustin Melendez to serve on the BOT at UCCS for a term to expire on June 30, 2017 and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.1 passed 7 to 0

Review of Audit – Bonadio

- Bonadio reported that the audit was reviewed in detail with the Finance Committee
- There were no significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit
- No errors were identified
- Financial statements were reviewed
- In the future, board members outside of the Finance Committee will be provided with advance copies of the audit

Motion 141002.2 Upon a motion by Spiro Ziogas and duly seconded by Augie Melendez, the following was submitted for adoption:
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Sidney Moore as Board Chair replacing Frank Rossi and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.2 passed 9 to 0

Motion 141002.3 Upon a motion by Joan Moorehead and duly seconded by Antwan Williams, the following was submitted for adoption:
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Frank Rossi as Board Vice Chair replacing Sidney Moore and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.3 passed 9 to 0

Motion 141002.4 Upon a motion by Augie Melendez and duly seconded by Megan Bosco, the following was submitted for adoption:
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the August 14, 2014 and September 4, 2014 minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.4 passed 9 to 0

Motion 141002.5 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by Frank Rossi, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Natosha McDonald as a final candidate to be recommended to NYSED for review and approval to a term expiring June 30, 2017 and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.5 passed 9 to 0

Motion 141002.6 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by Frank Rossi, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Jason Mellen as a final candidate to be recommended to NYSED for review and approval to a term expiring June 30, 2017 and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.6 passed 9 to 0

Motion 141002.7 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by Augie Melendez, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Gladys Pedraza-Burgos as a final candidate to be recommended to NYSED for review and approval to a term expiring June 30, 2017 and that this motion is considered final with no need for further BOT approval.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Augie Melendez, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.7 passed 9 to 0

Leadership Team Report

Ed Cavalier

- FOIL request received for roster of teachers with salaries for 2013-14 school year, number of years of service, total number of years teaching, names of teachers that turned over during 2013-14, and names of certified teachers
 - All information was submitted this afternoon
- Offer on a vacant school building was accepted
 - Papers are being reviewed by our lawyer
 - Leadership team has spent a few hours looking at different scenarios
 - Future decisions will need to be made
 - Initial plan will be available for review in two to three weeks
- Excellent start to the school year
- Principals, teachers, and students are all focused
- UCCS is “poised for greatness” (comments from SED renewal conference)

Lisa King

- Dashboard Review:
 - Enrollment: 404
 - Currently no 7th graders on waiting list
 - Staff attendance and student attendance both increased
 - Wait list at 197 down from 217 last year – more competition with other charter schools
 - Discussion followed regarding the lack of Spanish speaking teachers and staff due to the unexpected departure of two staff members shortly before the start of school and budget cuts deferred their replacement

Miriam Steinberg

- Received \$100K grant from Farash for phone and Internet system in new facility
- Received Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Grant of \$35K for Saturday STEM program
- Open House on Thursday, October 9, 2014 will be typical format of visitations to classrooms, food, student performances, etc.

Eric Robinson

- After School Program
 - United Way funded
 - Currently 80 students enrolled
 - Dinner provided
 - Academic help with homework
 - Recreation (rigorous physical activity)
 - Parents pick up at 6:30 p.m. after dinner
 - Waiting list for 40 students and hoping to open up more opportunities
- STEM program to begin on Saturdays beginning the middle of November – will be held for 20 Saturdays with 50 students
- Center for Youth assist with our Alternative to Suspension
 - PBIS accepted practice has improved numbers significantly
- Attended a press conference with a couple of students - related to the lawsuit about inequitable funding for charter schools

Nicole Berg

- RtI Process
 - Academic Intervention Model
- Special Education Services
 - Hard working group making sure all of our students get what they need
- Therapy puppy Duncan is 18 weeks old and did well at his last training session
- Karen Haak and Shannon D’Agostino (ELA and Math Coaches) shared a detailed presentation highlighting Coaching and Data

Finance Report – Spiro Ziogas (Refer to Attachment A)

Motion 141002.8 Upon a motion by Spiro Ziogas and duly seconded by John Page, the following was submitted for adoption: **RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approve the Audit as presented by Bonadio.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.8 passed 8 to 0

Chair Report

~ Parent Involvement Committee Report

- Met and “under construction”

Public Comments – None

Motion 141002.9 Upon a motion by Spiro Ziogas and duly seconded by Frank Rossi, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees enter Executive Session.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.9 passed 8 to 0

Motion 141002.10 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by John Page, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees end Executive Session.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.10 passed 8 to 0

Motion 141002.11 Upon a motion by Nelson Blish and duly seconded by John Page, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Megan Bosco, Sidney Moore, Joan Moorehead, John Page, Frank Rossi, Antwan Williams, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 141002.11 passed 8 to 0

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2014

| As of July 30, 2014 | YTD Actual | 2014-2015 Annual Budget | % of Annual Budget |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue | \$459,199 | \$421,493 | 109%% |
| Expenses | \$306,863 | \$272,072 | 113% |
| Net Income | \$152,336 | \$272,072 | |
| Depreciation Expense | \$11,667 | \$12,500 | |
| Net Income w/out | | | |
| Depreciation | \$164,003 | | |
| Cash on Hand | \$937,011 (Savings account has \$231,792) | | |

The topics of conversation were as follows:

1. Meeting with Bonadio to review results of the Audit.

The entire meeting was in review of the Auditor's findings. The results had no significant concerns and they felt that the addition of the services from Freed Maxick CPAs brought much value to the function of the business office and to the availability of reliable information to the auditors.