

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017**

Present: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Joan Moorehead,
Kathleen Hurley-Wiecorek

Absent: Jason Mellen, Megan Bosco

Media Notification: Erica Bryant of the Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the July 20, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting on July 12, 2017. Public notice was also posted in the school and posted on the school website.

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. and the mission statement was shared.

Motion 170720.1 Upon a motion by Joan Moorehead and duly seconded by Tracy Armstrong, the following was submitted for adoption:
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the June 8 and June 12, 2017 minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Joan Moorehead, Kathleen Hurley-Wiecorek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 170720.1 passed 4 to 0

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – L. McCarthy, N. Berg

Attendance Policy

- The proposed changes to the Attendance Policy were reviewed:

- The School Based Planning Team was involved in the review and suggestions for changes to the policy
- The social worker will engage with the parents/guardians (prior policy involved contact made by the principals only)
- The social worker will be in contact with the parent or guardian much earlier and at shorter intervals for unexcused late arrivals and unexcused absences
- The changes are intended to be much more proactive vs. punitive
- A UCCS teacher shared that the changes are supported by a large number of UCCS teachers in addition to those that attended the School Based Planning Team session

Motion 170720.2 Upon a motion by Tracy Armstrong and duly seconded by Kathy Hurley Wiecek, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to the Attendance Policy.

Voting in the affirmative: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Joan Moorehead, Kathleen Hurley-Wiecek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 170720.2 passed 5 to 0

UCCS Dress Code

- Kindergarten through six grade students will mirror the Middle School dress code
- Plain/solid polo shirts in red, white or black with tan or khaki pants/shorts/skirts/capris.
- A discussion followed related to soliciting donated clothing items to support UCCS families that have financial needs

Motion 170720.3 Upon a motion by Julie Boland and duly seconded by Kathy Hurley Wiecek, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the dress code changes to the Parent Handbook for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students to mirror the Middle School dress code.

Voting in the affirmative: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Joan Moorehead, Kathleen Hurley-Wiecek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 170720.3 passed 5 to 0

Success for All

- A presentation was shared highlighting the program
 - Success for All is not new to some schools in the Rochester area
 - It fills the needs of many of UCCS's students
 - Research was completed by N. Berg, V. Gouveia, and L. McCarthy
 - Additional growth in reading is needed for UCCS students
 - Program will contribute to the plan to move UCCS students off of a plateau and allow for further improvement
 - Program is research based/data driven
 - Program examines where students are to start (cooperative learning group community)
 - Engages/involves individual students
 - Data is analyzed every eight weeks to allow for adjustments/changes
 - Program will be put in place for K-5 students to start
 - While not currently planned for in the budget, finances are available for this expenditure (a three year commitment)
 - First year finance involves the purchase of the actual materials
 - Costs to follow are related to compensation for their coaches (working in conjunction with our facilitators and coach)
- Discussion followed and also included a discussion related to securing community sponsors

Motion 170720.4 Upon a motion by Joan Moorehead and duly seconded by Julie Boland, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the implementation of Success for All (a comprehensive model that aligns the systems in the K-5 grade levels).

Voting in the affirmative: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Joan Moorehead, Kathleen Hurley-Wiecorek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 170720.4 passed 5 to 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion 170720.5 Upon a motion by Tracy Armstrong and duly seconded by Kathy Hurley Wiecek, the following was submitted for adoption: **RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Tracy Armstrong, Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Joan Moorehead, Kathleen Hurley-Wiecek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 170720.5 passed 5 to 0

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, August 3, 2017