

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

Present: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Megan Bosco, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Joan Moorehead, Bliss Owen

Absent: Tracy Armstrong, Kathleen Hurley Wicorek

Media Notification: Erica Bryant of the Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the February 8, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting on January 30, 2018. Public notice was also posted in the school, published in the school newsletter and on the school website.

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and the mission statement was shared.

All board members and staff members in attendance introduced themselves.

Motion 180208.1 Upon a motion by Megan Bosco and duly seconded by Julie Boland, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the January 11, 2018 minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Megan Bosco, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Joan Moorehead, Bliss Owen

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 180208.1 passed 7 to 0

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

Nicole Berg

- L. McCarthy is out of the state tending to a family commitment.
- UCCS is dodging the flu and illnesses as much as possible and teachers and staff are helping out whenever possible due to extra absences

- Black History Month
 - A museum was held at UCCS today (exhibits prepared by students were left in place for BOT members to view)
 - Fourth and Fifth grade students attended Walk the Walk (an event that provides encounters with Rochester's African-American ancestors)
- Upcoming Science Fair (3/6): Plans are coming together and excitement is building
- Student Council met and planning a fundraiser for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. - Candy Grams will be delivered to students (families have the option to recognize their individual students)
- Special events are planned each day next week in the 7th and 8th grade building that are centered around the Olympics:
 - Schedules will be shifted differently each day so the students will not miss the same class each day of the week
- Students are completing one round of practice tests this year (two days of ELA and two days of Math)
 - The practice builds endurance for the students and helps our teachers address any areas of weakness
- SFA training will be held in Phoenix (part of our SFA agreement) – staff members will be depart on Sunday and return on Thursday
- The staff holiday party was held at Radio Social
 - It was a nice event enjoyed by staff members
- Our teachers are working very hard

Lisa King

- Dashboard
 - Free and reduced increased from 87% to 92% - addition of three more students since December
 - Enrollment is currently at 396 with another kindergartener added after February Break bringing the total to 397
 - Two students transferred in January and those openings were filled with a kindergartner and third grader
 - ATS saved 63 days of instruction
 - Two staff members left in the month of January – one teacher resigned and one teacher was terminated
- 347 new student applications have been received to date (121 for kindergarten students)
 - Online common application system has allowed families to apply efficiently
 - The lottery will be electronic
- Two staff members went to Albany for Charter School Advocacy Day

MONTHLY FOCUS – SOLUTION TEAM COORDINATOR – S. HOWELL

- This is a part of Success for All and addresses student needs that go beyond instruction
 - Leading for Success

- Attendance Team – focusing on the fact that children need to come to school on time for the entire school day
- Intervention – supports individual students that are not having success due to a wide variety of issues
- Parent and Family Involvement – identifying what family activities have the greatest impact on the student’s success
- Community Connections – identifying the school’s needs and the community members best suited to help with those needs
- Cooperative Culture: taking a calculated approach to analyzing behavior data and putting into place the guidelines for a supportive and structured environment

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – M. BOSCO

- Seeking contact from anyone interested in an officer position on the BOT
 - It is possible to decrease the number of meeting commitments and some committee meetings could meet quarterly or when there are specific needs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – J. MELLEN – *(Refer to Attachment A)*

- Over budget in revenue due to timing
- 54K below net income
- According to NECS – increase in per pupil expected next year
- Started discussion related to the salary structure
- Competitive salaries compared to RCSD
- Hiring of new teachers need an increased starting salary comparable to the RCSD

PTA REPORT – J. BOLAND

- Funds are available
- We have held off on some family events that conflict with school events
- Only one grant has been received
- The January meeting was canceled due to the holidays and lack of preparation
- The February meeting is being moved to the last Wednesday of the month to be held after break week
- Black History Month is in the planning stages
- Our March 21 meeting will be a joint meeting along with the After School Program – catered dinner with the PTA providing dessert
- The Board requested notification of each PTA meeting one week in advance

CHAIR REPORT

- N. Berg’s mother was recognized as an Athena Award finalist

- Discussion held related to the Center for Youth After-School Program providing clubs since UCCS does not have the option of hosting clubs
- Discussion held related to future field trips for classes to attend for Black History Month
- Basketball game will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Vertus gym
- Referenced an exciting recent game that went into double overtime with UCCS winning in the end

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion 180208.2 Upon a motion by Joan Moorehead and duly seconded by Megan Bosco, the following was submitted for adoption: **RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Megan Bosco, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Joan Moorehead, Bliss Owen

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 180208.2 passed 7 to 0

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- Thursday, March 8, 2018

Attachment A

Urban Choice Charter School
Treasurer's Report
February 2018

As of December 2017

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Current Month Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Revenue	562,322	520,250	42,062	3,059,189	2,951,100	100,089
Expenses	631,921	517,179	114,742	2,913,667	2,751,131	162,536
Net Income	(69,609)	3,071	(72,680)	145,522	199,969	(54,447)

Cash on Hand 841,082 149,742 in Receivables

Plus Investments 737,431

Note: We will be under budget in Revenue because the \$160,000 from the Senate needed to be recorded in 2016/2017 per the Charter School Office. We will be over in Expenses because the BOT approved of a new reading program (Success for All) with a cost of \$145,000.