

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

Present: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Bliss Owen, Lee Tutt, Kathleen Hurley Wiecek

Absent: Megan Bosco

Media Notification: Erica Bryant of the Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the January 22, 2019 Special Board of Trustees Meeting on January 19, 2019. Public notice was also posted on the school website.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the mission statement was shared.

BUILDING REPORT

It was shared that the offer made to purchase the ROC Achieve building was not accepted and an offer from a different party was accepted.

LEASE DISCUSSION

- A decision is needed to secure a one-year lease at our current location.
 - After meeting with Father Schrader today, an opportunity to purchase is not available at this time.
 - Proposals for one, three or five year leases are available.
 - ✓ CEO recommends negotiating for a one-year lease with a 3% increase.
 - ✓ After meeting with our attorneys and obtaining recommendations, additions to the lease agreement will be submitted.
 - ✓ We are asking for support regarding taxes.
 - ✓ There would be no additional cost for the church to accept and we could save \$38K per year which would offset our 3% increase.

Motion 190122.1 Upon a motion by Lee Tutt and seconded by Kathleen Hurley Wicorek, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve to negotiate a one-year lease agreement at the current property.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Bliss Owen, Lee Tutt, Kathleen Hurley Wicorek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 190122.1 passed 7 to 0

CSI DESIGNATION (Comprehensive Support and Improvement)

- UCCS has been designated as a school with CSI Designation
 - A Fact Sheet from the New York State Education Department was shared providing details related to the rating
 - Schools are identified every three years
 - Our rating (1) is based on student academic achievement from the statewide assessments in ELA, math and science in addition to student growth in ELA and Math in grades 4-8
 - Absenteeism is not a concern for our school
 - We will receive a letter in the near future with information related to moving forward and putting a plan in place
 - The school will be eligible for more Title One funds to help with improvement strategies
- Recommendations for our constituents to have more say in how our funds are spent
- Need to seek more input from parents/guardians and involve them in decision making for spending
- Correspondence was shared that was sent to all UCCS families clarifying the designation
- Recommendation was shared from some board members to schedule a "Town Meeting" with staff and parents/families

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Motion 190122.2 Upon a motion by Julie Boland and seconded by Jason Mellen, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Nelson Blish, Julie Boland, Jason Mellen, Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Bliss Owen, Lee Tutt, Kathleen Hurley Wiecek

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 190122.2 passed 7 to 0

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 12, 2019