

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

Present: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, John Bliss, Ed Cavalier, Tonya Dickerson, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Absent: Susan Fox, Sidney Moore

Media Notification: Erica Bryant of the Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the January 5, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting on January 1, 2012. Public notice was also posted in the school and published in the school newsletter.

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Hanif Abdul-Wahid.

Motion 120105.1 Upon a motion by Frank Rossi and duly seconded by Spiro Ziogas, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the November 3, 2011 minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Ed Cavalier, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 120105.1 passed 7 to 0

Motion 120105.2 Upon a motion by Spiro Ziogas and duly seconded by Ed Cavalier, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the December 1, 2011 minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Ed Cavalier, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 120105.2 passed 7 to 0

Chair Report – Hanif Abdul-Wahid

- Larry Stanney nomination update
 - Hanif shared correspondence (his response and SED’s response).
- This long process is an unfortunate setback for Larry – BOT is hopeful that he will continue to be engaged
- A discussion followed recommending that seeking out board members continues
- CEO’s professional development will continue. BOT admires and appreciates that he is obtaining skills to make UCCS the best it can be and will take advantage of development and encourage all staff to do the same. It was shared that it is because of John’s passion that the BOT is gathered and a team approach is needed to assist to ensure success.
- January 20 and 21 board retreat is planned
 - Board training and strategies for direction
 - Improve and develop UCCS
 - Eileen Flanagan, Facilitator, is contacting all members and has interactive plans scheduled for Friday.
 - Upon completion, plan is for increased board committees and increased expectations.
- Plan to expanding board committees with liaisons – two parents on the board will work with parent groups to provide a direct line and conversations for working together as a team.
- Board, CEO, teachers, students, parents and community expected to raise standards; it is time for us to exceed expectations for test scores with students growing socially along with academic standards. Support from parents is needed.

Finance Report – Spiro Ziogas

- Monthly Report (*Refer to Attachment A*)

Governance Committee – Hanif Abdul-Wahid

- Board retreat/training reminder – January 20 and January 21
- Frank and Ed met with a prospective board member. Lynn Vacanti is expected to submit her application in the near future.

CEO Report – John Bliss

- Long-term UCCS volunteer Molly Boehlert passed away
- Parent Forum on Saturday
- Movie Night at UCCS – PTA pays with no cost to the students or families
- Miriam shared update related to application for Farash Grant – based around STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) program
- Donation update including Robin Quivers, a regular donator

- PowerPoint Presentation
 - School Safety Plan shared and explained
 - Update on the school and the plan for improvement
 - Update on the expansion into grade nine and beyond
- Eric shared his expanding and changing role which include streamlining responsibilities, increased visibility, managing small number of students, being proactive, physically spending time in classrooms, ongoing conversations with CEO, working on roadblocks, addressing student arrival and dismissal procedures, and more productivity after school
- Viviane Stover introduced herself and shared an introduction and role at UCCS:
 - Role
 - Data Analysis
 - School Planning Involvement – What is New
 - School Planning Involvement – What is Next
 - Data Specialists Future Role
- Timeline was shared – current through August – defining plan, identifying leaders, key goals
- High School Growth Update

Public Comments

- None

Motion 120105.3 Upon a motion by Frank Rossi and duly seconded by Spiro Ziogas, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Ed Cavalier, Tonya Dickerson, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 120105.3 passed 8 to 0

Motion 120105.4 Upon a motion by Spiro Ziogas and duly seconded by Tonya Dickerson, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees end Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Ed Cavalier, Tonya Dickerson, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 120105.4 passed 8 to 0

Motion 120105.5 Upon a motion by John Page and duly seconded by Spiro Ziogas, the following was submitted for adoption: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Hanif Abdul-Wahid, Ed Cavalier, Tonya Dickerson, Thomas Felton, Jr., John Page, Lisa Richards, Frank Rossi, Spiro Ziogas

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 120105.5 passed 8 to 0

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m.