

University Academy Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayerberg Hall, University Academy

Present: (4) Mrs. Shirley Bush Helzberg, Secretary
Mr. LeRay Warrior, Board President
Mr. Paul Greenwood, Member
Dr. J. Camille Hall (Via Zoom)

Absent: (2) Mr. Jarin Ravin
Mrs. Katie Kwo-Gerson, Board Chairman

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President, Mr. LeRay Warrior, requested a roll call at 4:10 p.m.

Opening

Board President, Mr. Warrior, began the meeting by introducing and nominating the two newest potential board members, Mrs. Laura Threatt and Mr. Randy Wisthoff, and requesting a motion to appoint them as board members.

Laura Threatt

Motion: Paul Greenwood

Second: Shirley Bush Helzberg

Vote: 4-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

Randy Wisthoff

Motion: Shirley Bush Helzberg

Second: Paul Greenwood

Vote: 4-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

Board President LeRay Warrior requested a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Greenwood as the board's new treasurer.

Motion: Shirley Bush Helzberg

Second: Randy Wisthoff

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

The meeting continues with the following board members:

Present: (6) Mrs. Shirley Bush Helzberg, Secretary
Mr. LeRay Warrior, Board President
Mr. Paul Greenwood, Treasurer
Dr. J. Camille Hall (Via Zoom)
Mr. Randy Wisthoff
Mrs. Laura Threatt

Enrollment Report

Superintendent Rebecca Gudde gave the enrollment report. Enrollment for the month ending of June 2024 was 1,051 students enrolled. There were 4 withdrawals: 2 moved outside the district, and 2 enrolled in the KCPS. Verified enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is 1,201. This number includes 31 Pre-K.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Anthony McDaniel started his presentation by stating the number of resignations and the newly hired employees. We are currently working to fill 12 positions. These openings have been announced on platforms like MOREAP, Indeed, and the University Academy’s website. Mr. McDaniel requested approval of the consent agenda items presented.

Mr. LeRay Warrior requested a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion: Laura Threatt

Second: Paul Greenwood

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries.

Finance Report

Chief Financial Officer Mr. Tyler Kemp opened with statements for the months ending in May, showing a \$90,000.00 loss compared to the previous year, which was \$562,000.00. Revenues are up this year by \$1.4 million. This is mostly driven by State funding this year. Grants and donations have also increased along with transportation and Prop C. Expenses are higher by \$950,000.00. This is driven by the one-time returning teacher stipend of \$672,000.00. Purchase services are up by \$192,000.00. Capital expenditures are lower due to the masonry work done on campus last year.

Mr. Kemp presented the 2024-25 budget and pointed out an anticipated funding increase with examples from the past three years. With a new commission requirement, Mr. Kemp is requesting a vote on record that the finance department is to set aside \$25,000.00 in the event of University Academy’s unforeseen closure.

Mr. LeRay Warrior requested a motion to approve the 2024-25 budget as presented

Motion: Paul Greenwood

Second: Shirley Bush Helzberg

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

Mr. LeRay Warrior requested a motion to designate \$25,000.00 specifically for potential school closure.

Motion: Paul Greenwood

Second: Randy Wisthoff

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

Operations Report

Chief Operating Officer Mr. Stacy Graff began his report by announcing that Ms. Loretta Jones is his department's employee of the month for May, and Mr. Matthew Noud is the month's employee for June. First Student bus company has informed us they plan to increase our rate to 34% (\$300.00.00) next year. We are currently negotiating with First Student, offering a 14% increase. This will help to cover a wage increase for their drivers. With funding from the UASF, the following projects are being completed: the building automation systems projects have included updating all the wiring throughout the building and all of the computers for the HVAC systems and classroom controllers. As for the exit drive project, we are working with Superior Bowen to make this a one-way in-and-out drive-through. We hope to have the drive completed by August 2, 2024. With permission from the UASF, the seniors have done fundraising to raise money to cover the cost of having a sign above the outside door of the upper school entrance that reads "Upper School." The foundation has also agreed to fund the project cost with US Engineering to install air conditioning in the fieldhouse locker rooms. Over the summer, the facilities team will be working hard moving and painting classrooms.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mrs. Rebecca Gudde shared her report announcing how Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated in May 2024. This Friday, June 28th, will be the last day of summer school. Our numbers show over 400 K- 11th-grade students enrolled this summer. This year, we partnered again with TFA for our summer school teachers. Our Instructional Coach, Mr. JJ Dorrell, serves as the school director for TFA for the second year. The Executive Leadership Team (Gudde, Graff, T. Kemp, McDaniel, and all four principals) recently attended a leadership retreat to share and discuss the 2024-25 vision. This retreat allowed for a professional bonding experience for all. We are working with Ms. Robyn R. Jackson, who will help us rewrite our strategic plan.

School Reports

Due to the Principal's absence, Mrs. Gudde suggested that the board members refer to the school reports in their packet.

University Academy Foundation Report

Sonja Shaffer, Executive Director, reported that 16 middle school students will be attending summer camps at the following locations: Birchwood Wilderness (Boys), Camp Birchwood (Girls), Camp Lincoln, Sanborn, Western Camps-Big Springs & High Trails, and Camp Lake Hubert. For the Study Abroad program, 13 students will travel to Massachusetts, Alaska, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Japan, Canada, South Korea and Wyoming. This summer's college campus experience, University Academy awarded 8 students scholarships to attend summer programs for the following colleges: UMKC, Prairie View A&M, Dillard University, and K State. We have 20 alumni participating in the Summer Internship programs with Commerce Bank, Children's Mercy, Swope Health, Girls Scouts, Helzberg Diamonds, the KC Zoo & Aquarium, Swartz and Associates, University Academy, KC City Council, UA Foundation and Lockton Companies. The students and parents of the class of 2024 will be hosting their first Summer Bridge event on June 25th at the Kauffman Foundation from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. This program is designed to help students prepare for college. Their next College Send-Off Event will be July 31st at HJ's Community Center, 5:30-7:00 p.m. The Alumni BBQ is scheduled for July 13th at Swope Park, 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Old Business - None

New Business - 2024-25 School Calendar

Superintendent Mrs. Gudde presented the 2024-25 calendar with changes and updates for the board's approval.

Mr. LeRay Warrior requested a motion to approve the 2024-25 school calendar as presented

Motion: Laura Threatt

Second: Paul Greenwood

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries

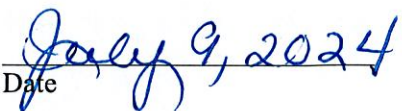
Adjournment

With no further business before the board, Board President Mr. LeRay Warrior adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

I, Shirley Bush Helzberg, Secretary of the University Academy Board of Directors, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the minutes from a meeting of the Board of University Academy held at University Academy on June 25, 2024. The meeting was duly called and held in all aspects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the school's bylaws, and a quorum was present.


Signature


Date

