

Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
for  
Universal Institute Charter School  
*Meeting held Virtually via Zoom*  
*July 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM*  
**Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Sultan Ahmad
2. Dr. Emma Chappell
3. Mrs. Faatimah Gamble
4. Mr. Kenneth Gamble
5. Ms. Salima Rabb

**Meeting called to Order at 12:10 PM**

**1. Meeting Minutes**

- i. The Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2020 were tabled.

**2. Central Office Report**

- i. Dr. Nixon presented the Phased School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 Academic year for Creighton. Board members were given copies of the Plan prior to the board meeting.
- ii. Over the past several months, Universal Schools followed the guidance of government and public health officials and medical professionals. School principals have worked closely with school staff, parents, and the community to develop Schools Reopening Health and Safety Plans.
- iii. Schools established Pandemic Teams to prepare for the 2020-2021 SY.
- iv. Pandemic Teams created School Reopening Health and Safety Plans for the 2020-2021 SY.
- v. The Universal Schools Health and Safety Plan serves as our local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school reopening activities.
- vi. The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are dynamic. Universal will continue to closely monitor the situation and adjust the school opening plan as needed.
  1. All schools will open 100% Virtual September 1, 2020 – November 17, 2020.
  2. November 18<sup>th</sup> the schools will Phase into a hybrid reopen model through April 9, 2021.
  3. April 9, 2021 the Schools will phase into total reopen.
  4. There was some discussion about the School Reopen Plan
  5. Mr. Ahmad asked for a motion to approve the School Reopen Plan
  6. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the School Reopen Plan and Mr. Savoy second that motion.
  7. By a majority vote the School Reopen Plan was approved unanimously.

### **3. Board Matters**

#### **i. Action Items/ Resolutions**

##### **a. Resolution I19-20-008: Institute Phased School Reopening Plan**

1. Mr. Ahmad asked for a motion to accept Resolution I19-20-008.
2. Mrs. Gamble made a motion to accept Resolution I19-20-008 and Ms. Rabb second that motion.
3. By a majority vote Resolution I19-20-008 was accepted unanimously.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees authorizes Universal Education Management, through the Superintendent or her designee, to implement a School opening plan that prioritize the health and safety of students and staff. The plan addresses this priority and the school's mission: To Prepare our students for college, technical school, entrepreneurship that leads to a sustainable career in the 21st century and build altruistic alumni who contribute to the transformation of their communities as future leaders and positive members of society.

### **4. Public Comments**

- a. Danielle Williams, Parent- Comment regarding the option for students to have 100% virtual learning the entire school year
- b. Brittany, Parent- Comment regarding difficulty for Kindergarten students participating in virtual learning
- c. Ms. Arrington, Parent, comment regarding students with IEP's receiving Autistic Support and Special education related services
- d. Ashley, Parent, comment about special education services owed that were not received during the end of the 2019-2020 School year
- e. Shontae Davis, Parent- Comment regarding students that become sick once in person learning resume and the quarantine process for the staff and the students.
- f. Erica Lee: Parent- comment regarding the possibility of the entire school year 100% virtual.
- g. Missy, Parent- Comment regarding when does the school begin and transportation services once in person learning resume.
- h. Rhonda Scott, Teacher, Comment regarding Professional Development for teachers.

### **5. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting concluded at 1:40 p.m.