

Public Meeting of the Combined Board of Trustees
for
Universal Alcorn Charter School
Universal Vare Charter School
Universal Audenried Charter High School
Meeting held Virtually via Zoom
July 29, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Sultan Ahmad
2. Curtis Savoy
3. Claudia Sherrod
4. Christopher Hill
5. Mrs. Phyllis Randall
6. Dr. Patricia Williams - Diaw

Meeting called to Order at 4:10pm

1. Meeting Minutes

- i. The Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2020 were tabled.

2. Central Office Report

- i. Dr. Nixon presented the Phased School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 Academic year for Alcorn, Vare, and Audenried. 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 18th 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

i. Resolution AL20-21-000: Alcorn Phased School Reopening Plan

1. Mr. Ahmad asked for a motion to accept Resolution AL20-21-000.
2. Mrs. Sherrod made a motion to accept Resolution AL20-21-000 and Mr. Hill second that motion.

3. By a majority vote Resolution AL20-21-000 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 for the 2020-2021 academic year, 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, entrepreneurships 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.

ii. Resolution V20-21-000: Vare Phased School Reopening Plan

1. Mr. Ahmad asked for a motion to accept Resolution V20-21-000.
2. Mrs. Sherrod made a motion to accept Resolution V20-21-000 and Mr. Hill second that motion.
3. By a majority vote Resolution V20-21-000 was accepted unanimously.

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iii. Resolution AU20-21-000: Audenried Phased School Reopening Plan

1. Mr. Ahmad asked for a motion to accept Resolution AU20-21-000.
2. Mrs. Sherrod made a motion to accept Resolution AU20-21-000 and Mr. Hill second that motion.
3. By a majority vote Resolution AU20-21-000 was accepted unanimously.

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1. Public Comments

- a. Mrs. Dodson, Parent- Comment regarding the option for students to have 100% virtual learning the entire school year
- b. Rebecca Guillen, Parent- Comment regarding students receiving Special education related services
- c. Letisha Jenkins, Parent, comment about special education services owed that were not received during the end of the 2019-2020 School year
- d. Zenobia Thomas, Parent- Comment regarding students that become sick once in person learning resume and the quarantine process for the staff and the students.
- e. Sarita King: Parent- comment regarding the possibility of the entire school year 100%virtual.

2. Adjournment

- a. The meeting concluded at 5:40 p.m.