

University Academy Board of Directors'

October 25, 2011 Regular Session

Executive Session to be Announced

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Present: 7 Mr. Jonathan Angrist
Mr. Tom Bloch
Mr. Barnett Helzberg
Mrs. Shirley Helzberg (*arrived at 4:05 p.m.*)
Chairman Bush Helzberg
Dr. Gersham Nelson
Mr. Joshua Rowland

Absent: 1 Father Tom Curran

Attending: Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Bado, Director, Human Resources
Ms. Kellie Baker, Coordinator of External Partnerships
Ms. Leah Banks, Director, Security
Ms. Kelly Bowland, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Clem Ukaoma, Upper School Principal
Mr. Floyd Wilson, Director, Student Services
Mr. Ron Ziegler, Chief Financial Officer

The roll was called and a quorum was present to transact business.

ACADEMY RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Chairman Helzberg opened the floor for fifteen minutes of public remarks with participants permitted to speak up to five minutes each.

Several teachers and parents spoke in support of Dr. Tiffany Anderson. Ms. Kellee Ransom, 3rd grade teacher; Ms. Breanne Coleman, Kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Natasha El-Scari, parent of two UA students; Mr. Ellery Clark, Entrepreneurship teacher; Mr. Chris Slinkard, Kindergarten teacher; and Mrs. Ru'da Looney, parent and PTA President, were among those who had the opportunity to speak. Lack of time prevented others from sharing their thoughts.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the September Board Meeting:

Shirley Helzberg moved for the approval of the September 27, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yes: **7** Mr. Jonathan Angrist
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No: **0**

Financial Report:

Chairman Helzberg reported that the Finance Committee met just prior to today’s Board Meeting. He asked Mr. Bloch if he had anything to add to what he reported. Mr. Bloch stated the committee reviewed the financial results and they are pretty much as expected. Revenue and expenses are down and there were no unusual items of note. The committee reviewed the warrant list. Mr. Bloch asked CFO, Ron Zigeler, if he had anything to add and he stated he did not.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Enrollment Update:

Chairman Helzberg asked Ms. Baker about the process of bringing in a “bunch of kindergarteners.” Ms. Baker stated that originally there were 102 Kindergarten students and that 20 more were added. Mr. Bloch asked if the enrollment number is where we want it to be. Ms. Baker answered that the goal was 1,000 and currently enrollment stands at 1,002. Chairman Helzberg asked Ms. Baker about the time the school typically loses students and she answered that students usually transfer out during the summer months. Ms. Baker announced that beginning in January she will begin enrolling a new Kindergarten class. Dr. Anderson added that next year there will be seven Kindergarten classrooms.

NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Helzberg introduced Mr. David Rucker as the new Director of Alumni Support for Friends of UA as Mrs. Lesley Creal, who currently is on maternity leave, wants to work part-time upon her return and her focus will primarily be on fundraising, the Gala and grant programs for our students and alumni.

Chairman Helzberg adjourned the regular public meeting to enter into Executive Session at 4:21 p.m. (There was no motion to adjourn the public meeting.)

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Next meeting: November 22, 2011