



University Academy

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
AT NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

275 West Side Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

**Board of Trustees Meeting
University Academy Charter High School
Multi-purpose Room
April 8, 2009
4:30 PM**

**Benjamin Dineen
John Melendez
John Coccioli
Marco Valdivia
Jo Bruno
Karen Ridley
Ruddys Andrade**

Public Session

In accordance with the Public Notice Law of New Jersey, the University Academy Charter High School's meeting was advertised in the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. A copy was also sent to the City Clerk and a copy was posted in a public place. The public meeting of the University Academy Charter High School called to order 4:40. Mr. Valdivia addressed the public.

Joseph Petruncio (science Teacher) has tendered his resignation at the end of this academic year. He believes the way UACHS is running their Biology courses does not qualify or meet the standards. Perhaps UACHS should look into shared services with NJCU to improve their sciences. Joe Timpanaro (Senior Class Advisor), requested donations for yearbook ads. At the moment prom and yearbook will cost \$30,000. They are fundraising but are asking the board if there is any possibility to donate any funds to make this happen. Mr. Coccioli Mr. Timpanaro open sales to undergraduates and Dr. Melendez offered to circulate ad space on campus. Mr. Rice presented on behalf of the service learning committee (see attached) Mr. Rice presented the recent accomplishments of the students including some of the recycling and refurbishing ideas for UACHS such as the benches and as suggested by Jo Bruno, the receptacles on NJCU campus can be refurbished for use at UACHS.

Review of March 2009 minutes (action item)

Moved by Ridley. Second by Melendez.

Unanimous. No abstentions.

Dean's Report (see attached)

Committee Reports

Personnel

Resolution to hire (action hire)

Moved by Ridley. Second by Dineen.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Resolution to re-classify employee (action item)

Moved by Ridley. Second by Coccioli.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Dr. Melendez asked why we are moving from 12 to 10 months. Mr. Lugo stated we are no longer hosting summer school at UACHS so there is no longer a need.

Resolution to approve posting of Special Education Teacher (action item)

Moved by Ridley. Second by Dineen.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Dr. Melendez asked why we are having a reduction in force but posting for a Special education teacher. Mr. Lugo stated based on compliance, we must since we receive funding for special services. This is not a full cost to our budget line.

Finance

Mr. Puzo presented on behalf of the Finance Committee. Mr. Puzo reported funding has decreased to charter schools by 4.5%. This funding formula will hurt charter schools. We (charter schools) spend about 60% to the student compared to public schools with better results. Charter school funding is tricky and complex. Currently, Jersey City and Asbury Park have the worst spending formula. Dr. asked if each municipality has a different funding formula. Mr. Puzo stated the rule is 90% as compared to the local public school but that is tricky since they do not include Abbot Funding to make this 90% so it is more than a 10% difference. Ms. Bruno stated maybe we could work with Charter Advocacy Association and look at our charter for 2011-2012 and look at some of our spending (including the lease). Mr. Dineen stated lets look at the advocacy piece and maybe we can unite with some stakeholders (i.e., the head of the Boys & Girls club is also on a charter school board.

Review of March 2009 Finance Report and invoices to be paid (action item)

Moved by Bruno. Second by Ridley.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Resolution to approve 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget (action item)

Moved by Bruno. Second by Melendez.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Old Business

New Business

Approve UACHS Special Education Policies (action item)

Moved by Coccioli. Second by Ridley.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Announcements

NJSBA Board of Trustees Training **DUE APRIL 9th**

Adjournment to Executive Session
Moved by Ridley. Second by Melendez.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

End Executive Session
Moved by Ridley. Second by Melendez.
Unanimous. No abstentions.

Adjournment
Moved by Dineen. Second by Melendez.
Unanimous. No abstentions.