

Discovery High School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 10/12/17

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Charlotte Butler	Chairperson/Community Member
Mike Jones	Community Member
Katherine Walker	Community Member
Jill Dunbar	Secretary

Welcome

Charlotte Butler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:28 AM.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Chair / Officers

Mike Jones nominated the following members for the Board to continue in their positions:

Chair- Charlotte Butler, President- Carol Fulks, Treasurer- Carol Fulks, and Secretary- Jill Dunbar. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes

Mrs. Butler asked if anyone had any additions or correction to the minutes from 8/8/17. Mike Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Kitty Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

George Miarecki, CPA, gave a financial update to the Board line item by line item. Miarecki also presented the IDEA Budget and the CSP Grant Budget.

Kitty Walker made a motion to approve the IDEA Budget and the CSP Grant Budget. Mike Jones seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

President's Report

Carol Fulks presented enrollment figures to the Board: 221 students enrolled in 9th grade, 199 students enrolled in 10th grade, and 60 students enrolled in 11th grade for a total of 480 enrolled students. Enrollment is down a little but DHS is still receiving applications. Some DHS students transferred to Collegiate, which was expected.

Fulks stated that DHS is very involved with sports, with many sports available to students. The JV football team is undefeated and many students are attending the games via a spirit bus(es) provided to students at minimal student cost. Spirit week is now occurring and homecoming is Saturday, October 14.

Fulks reviewed the personnel actions with the Board. Mike Jones made a motion to accept all personnel actions; Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Carol Fulks gave a handout to the board that explained the medical coverage deductibles for this year.

Carol Fulks recommended deferring the approval of the Teacher Evaluation System because of changes from DOE. The board will vote on this in January at the next board meeting.

Fulks stated that DHS is a Title I school with 78% of the students on free/reduced lunch. Fulks reviewed the SIP (School Improvement Plan) with the Board.

Mike Jones made a motion to approve the 17-18 SIP. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Carol Fulks presented the Wellness Policy to the Board. It is the same as Dala's and compliant with Federal and State guidelines. There is less restriction on food at the high school level.

Mike Jones made a motion to approve the Wellness Policy. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks gave a construction update to the Board. DHS opened the two-story building yesterday. It contains the main office, dining hall and kitchen. Fulks invited the Board members to tour the building after the meeting.

Construction on the gymnasium cannot begin until all financing is completed. Financing is being held up due to the annual audit delay from the hurricane. Financing is anticipated to be complete in 30-45 days, with a tentative construction start date of December 1.

Fulks stated that there was an issue with the ground during the construction of the two-story building, and grouting was needed to resolve the issue. There will be more costly grouting necessary for the gymnasium construction.

Board Member Report

Charlotte Butler stated that the new buildings are very attractive, and DHS is creating pride within the school and throughout the community.

Mike Jones would like to have more information about the school going out to the community in general. He is happy to help with that through his church and would like more social media for the school.

Kitty Walker stated that she appreciates everyone's hard work and is very happy with the school and construction.

Megan Stevens stated that the students are concerned about Mr. Jemison. Carol Fulks stated that Mr. Jemison had had a heart attack and is making a slow recovery. Fulks has stepped in as acting Principal in his absence.

Adjournment

Kitty Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am. Mike Jones seconded it. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2018
Following DALA Board Meeting,
beginning at 8:30 AM in the
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center

Board Approved
1/16/2018
Date