

Discovery High School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 1/16/2018

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks
Charlotte Butler
Mike Jones
Katherine Walker
Linda Williams
Jill Dunbar

Executive Director/Treasurer
Chairperson/Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Secretary

Welcome

Charlotte Butler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM.

Minutes

Mrs. Butler asked if anyone had any additions or correction to the minutes from 10/12/17. Kitty Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

George Miarecki, CPA, reviewed the financial statements for the Board line item by line item. Miarecki presented the Title I Budget Amendment to the Board. He stated that DHS will receive more funds this year and plans to add a testing coordinator to the staff.

Linda Williams made a motion to accept the Title I Budget Amendment as written. Mike Jones seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

George Miarecki reviewed the Annual Audit. Mike Jones made a motion to accept the Annual Audit. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

President's Report

Carol Fulks presented enrollment figures to the Board: 214 students enrolled in 9th grade, 198 students enrolled in 10th grade, and 64 students enrolled in 11th grade for a total of 476 enrolled students with a waiting list for all three grades. Open Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year began today and will run through January 29, 2018. DHS has been recruiting and has added AP classes, dual enrollment and electives to keep enrollment growing. DALA 8th grade students have toured DHS and were very excited to see the school. Other schools in the area will be touring as well.

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

Old Business

Carol Fulks updated the Board on the construction. She stated that construction costs had gone up due in part to the grouting necessary for several of the buildings. Fulks requested that the Board approve an increase to the construction loan amount, with the total project not to exceed \$25 million.

Linda Williams made a motion to approve an increase to the construction loan, with total project not to exceed \$25 million. Mike Jones seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Darryl Jemison presented the Title I update to the Board. He stated that DHS has created a Parent Advisory Council to receive feedback and encourage parent involvement. Jemison stated that DHS is receiving support from local businesses. He feels the school is making good progress in the Title I area.

Carol Fulks stated that there are no changes to the 17-18 Teacher Evaluation System. Jemison is meeting with teachers now to receive feedback for any possible changes to the 18-19 Teacher Evaluation System.

Fulks reminded Board members of the what was stated in DALA Board meeting regarding the recording of meetings:

Carol Fulks updated the Board regarding the recording of board meetings. Fulks requested that Jeremy Hurd purchase microphones and each board member would test the use of a microphone at the next meeting. Hurd is getting a quote for the cost of the entire recording system.

New Business

George Miarecki explained the Fund Balance Policy and that it was the same as DALA's.

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

The same information on the Succession Plan from the DALA Board meeting pertains to this meeting:

Carol Fulks presented the proposed Succession Plan. The Board members would like to have more specific time frames listed for short-term (temporary) v. long-term and/or permanent. The Board would like to have an extended vision for both schools regarding this policy. The Succession Plan will be reviewed again at the next Board meeting after changes have been made to it.

Board Member Report

Charlotte Butler stated that she enjoyed the tour of the school. She noticed how much the upperclassmen enjoyed using the upstairs of the dining hall. She asked when the construction of the gymnasium would begin. Fulks stated that she had met with the builders yesterday and they will delay billing and start construction of the gym right away. This will give DHS and DALA time to complete the loan process. The construction should be complete in six months, with July 1 as the projected completion date.

Mike Jones stated that he was leaving today on a mission trip to Israel.

Kitty Walker stated that she appreciates everyone's hard work.

Megan Stevens stated that the junior class appears to be strong and most students plan to stay at DHS for their senior year.

Adjournment

Kitty Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM. Linda Williams seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: **March 13, 2018**
Following DALA Board Meeting,
beginning at 8:30 AM in the
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center

Board Approved
3/13/2018
Date