

# Discovery High School

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes 1/8/2019

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Charlotte Butler	Chairperson/Community Member
Aimee Diaz	Community Member
Mike Jones	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Catherine Walker	Community Member
Linda Williams	Community Member
Jill Dunbar	Secretary

### **Welcome**

Charlotte Butler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Butler welcomed new members Aimee Diaz and John Taylor.

### **Minutes**

Kitty Walker made a motion to accept the 10/29/18 minutes as written; Aimee Diaz 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 discussed the budgets explaining that DHS is still in a growth year so being close to even at the end of the year is good.

Linda Williams asked if there was still a lack of participation in the dining hall lunches. Darryl Jemison explained that high school students have other options such as use of the microwaves for food brought from home. Stringfellow, Teacher Representative, stated that some students use the time to socialize rather than eat.

### **President's Report**

Carol Fulks presented enrollment figures to the Board: 235 students enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 215 students enrolled in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 178 students enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and 57 students enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, for a total of 685 enrolled students. The school continues to receive applications and will accept more students.

Mike Jones asked if a graduation date had been set. Fulks stated that graduation is May 23, 7PM at Lake Eva in Haines City.

Open Enrollment for 2019-20 school year will be January 15-29, 2019. It is later than Dala because DHS likes to have 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dala students visit and have a parent meeting before the open enrollment begins.

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

### **Old Business**

Carol Fulks and Darryl Jemison gave a construction update. The gymnasium is close to completion, with the floor being installed now. The Humanities building will not be able to be completed in the original location due to the soil. The plan is for the building to be split into three smaller buildings, located elsewhere on the campus. Expected completion date is October 2019. DHS currently has 13 portables.

Darryl Jemison gave an update for Title 1. DHS is using Title 1 money to give extra help in the form of a Boot Camp after school to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who need extra help to graduate.

Carol Fulks presented the changes made to the Teacher Evaluation System. There was some discussion regarding the differences between the HS and MS evaluation systems.

Aimee Diaz made a motion to accept the proposed changes made to the Teacher Evaluation System. The motion was seconded by Mike Jones and was passed by unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

Carol Fulks explained the salary update that reflects changes to mirror the PCSB salary schedule.

Linda Williams made a motion to approve the changes to the Salary Schedule. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Fulks presented the advanced degree proposed changes made at the Dala Board Meeting:

*Carol Fulks gave a handout and recommended a policy change regarding staff compensation for advanced degrees (Master's, Specialist's, and Doctorate) for Discovery Schools. Currently, staff is compensated for advanced degrees only if it is in the area of their assignment. She explained that PCSB compensates for any advanced degree. Fulks recommends that Discovery Schools follow the District's policy and compensate staff if they have been awarded an advanced degree.*

Mike Jones made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the advanced degree compensation. Kitty Walker seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

The Teacher of the Year was awarded to Christina Pixley and the Support Person of the Year was awarded to Juana Tavira. Both are very hard workers.

Carol Fulks notified the Board that DHS will receive the School Recognition Award for improving the School Grade. The plan to distribute the award money will be presented to the Board for approval at the March meeting.

### **Board Member Report**

Kitty Walker thanked the Administration for all they are doing.

Linda Williams complemented everyone for their teamwork.

Keith Stringfellow stated that he is amazed at how far DHS has come and the future is bright.

### **Adjournment**

Mike Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 AM. Aimee Diaz seconded it. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019  
Following DALA Board Meeting,  
beginning at 8:30 AM in the  
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred  
Media Center

Board Approved  
3/12/2019  
Date