

Discovery High School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 6/16/2020

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks
Charlotte Butler
Aimee Diaz
Nancy Daley
Mary Pulse

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

Charlotte Butler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Aimee Diaz to accept the 3/10/20 minutes as written. Nancy Daley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

George Miarecki, CPA, reviewed the financial statements with the Board line item by line item. Miarecki told the board that DHS food services would settle with Discovery Academy when end of year is closed since Discovery Academy maintains all student lunch accounts for both schools.

Discovery High School will utilize all IDEA money allocated mainly on services for ESE students.

Miarecki then reviewed the 2020-2021 Operating Budget. The budget is projected for 950 students. Central Services increased due to IT related items, however, there was a decrease in rent. After reviewing all budget components, DHS will be slightly over a break-even situation with the ability to adjust as necessary.

Nancy Daley made a motion to accept the 2020-2021 Operating Budget as presented. Aimee Diaz seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated that the enrollment goal for 2020-2021 is 925-950 students.

Nancy Daley asked if DHS offers dual enrollment with Polk State and Mrs. Fulks told her that yes they do offer that program.

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Date

Mrs. Fulks informed the board there are four brand new teaching positions to be filled at Discovery High School for new courses being offered for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Fulks also said that there would be three more portables delivered next week in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carol Fulks then reviewed the Personnel Actions for the Board.

Aimee Diaz made a motion to accept all personnel actions and Nancy Daley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Phase IV of Discovery High School will take place when DHS closes on the bond in the near future. The projected start date of the project is July with a goal of moving out of the portables into the new building over the Winter Break.

New Business

Carol Fulks presented the 2020-2021 Governing Board Meeting schedule. At this time, there were no members that foresaw any scheduling conflicts. Nancy Daley made a motion to approve the Governing Board Meeting Schedule, and Aimee Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Salary Schedule/Raises 2020-2021 Discussion

Carol Fulks told the board that in the past evaluations were used to establish raises for each employee but we cannot do that for the 2019-2020 school year.

George Miarecki said we have some options; we can do what Polk County is doing and each employee gets the same raise as they had for the 2019-2020 school year or we can give no raise at all or a third option would be to give a flat across the board percentage for each employee. Mr. Miarecki said we are waiting on the state revenue allocation numbers and then we will have a better idea of what realistically can be given.

Mrs. Fulks and Mr. Miarecki welcomed everyone's input and said at the August Governing Board Meeting we would have a better idea of the money we will be receiving from the state and can make a final decision then.

Mutual Cooperation Agreement

Mrs. Fulks went over the Mutual Cooperation Agreement with the board and said after careful review there are 11 ways that Discovery Academy and Discovery High School work together.

Charlotte Butler inquired if the agreement was presented to the staff and Mrs. Fulks said it was not since the staffs of both schools are already carrying out all items in the agreement.

Nancy Daley made a motion to accept the Mutual Cooperation Agreement and Aimee Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Cleaning Protocol

Carol Fulks presented to the Board the Cleaning Protocol that will be implemented. The cleaning protocol is based on the CDC recommendations.

Mrs. Fulks told the board that a deep cleaning of the school was done in March. Deep cleanings will continue as part of a regular routine at Discovery High School.

Aimee Diaz made a motion to accept the Cleaning Protocol as presented. Nancy Daley seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Board Member Report

Mrs. Fulks asked Darryl Jemison to talk about upcoming graduation at Discovery High School. Mr. Jemison said graduation will take place over two days, June 22 & June 23. There will be a total of 25 small graduation ceremonies comprised of six students. Each student gets eight graduation tickets. The ceremonies will be held at the gym at Discovery High School.

Charlotte Butler asked Mr. Jemison how many graduates will be moving on to higher graduation, Mr. Jemison did not have an exact number but he knows a large amount will be moving forward to college and technical schools.

Charlotte Butler thanked Mrs. Fulks for her continued dedication to Discovery High School and doing her best to prepare for the upcoming school year even though we do not know exactly what the opening of school will look like. Mrs. Butler said the challenges are mind boggling but as always Mrs. Fulks manages to do the very best for the students of Discovery High School.

Aimee Diaz and Nancy Daley also expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Fulks.

Aimee Diaz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 AM; it was seconded by Nancy Daley and passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy
of Lake Alfred Media Center