

# Discovery High School

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes 8/11/2020

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Aimee Diaz	Community Member
Nancy Daley	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Carley Bracewell	Teacher
Mary Pulse	Secretary

Aimee Diaz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Nancy Daley to accept the 6/16/20 minutes as written. John Taylor 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 informed the board that Discovery High School will start the 2020-2021 school year with adequate assets. Revenue was initially in the negative so we adjusted expenses to have a positive balance going forward.

Miarecki then reviewed the Title 1 and the IDEA grant money. Mr. Miarecki said the Title 1 money has all been spent. The IDEA grant must be spent on ESE only. There is a possibility of adding an ESE Para in the future.

Mr. Miarecki said audits were all done remotely this year and our audit has been completed without any incidents or questions. We are in complete compliance.

### **President's Report**

Carol Fulks stated that enrollment for the first day of school will be approximately 950 students. This number was confirmed by Darryl Jemison.

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Carol Fulks then reviewed the Personnel Actions for the Board. Mrs. Fulks explained how "out of field" teachers are working towards certification and what they need to do to accomplish this.

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

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Fulks gave a construction update. We are optimistic to have a date to begin the last phase of construction by the end of the month. The next building will house 23 classrooms.

DHS has added three more portables to start the school year.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Fulks said PCSB has not made a decision on teacher salaries for the 2020-2021 school year but she would like to do something for our staff. Since no evaluations were given for the 2019-2020 we would like to give each instructional staff member a 1.5% raise. We would also go the next step on the PCSB Salary schedule for the Para's and Secretaries. Admin will receive a 2.5% raise.

John Taylor asked if this could change if PCSB makes a decision on salaries and Mrs. Fulks said we will do at least the minimum of what PCSB implements.

Nancy Daily made a motion to accept the new salary schedule and John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Darryl Jemison talked about the reopening plan that was submitted to the district and to the state.

Discovery High School is offering parents three options: 1-Face-to-face learning 5 days a week, 2-100% virtual learning and 3-Hybrid learning where students will be on campus 2 days a week and virtual 3 days a week. Approximately 247 parents have opted for the hybrid option as of today. Mr. Jemison commented we are the only high school in Polk County to be approved for the hybrid option.

Mr. Jemison said they are looking into the possibility of changing the lunch schedule so not everyone will be in the Dining Hall at the same time. Currently lunch is 12:00 - 1:00 for everyone.

For face-to-face learning we will follow the CDC recommendations just like Discovery Academy is doing.

Nancy Daley asked if we have masks at DHS for students who don't bring one and Mr. Jemison said yes we do. Ms. Daley also asked about virtual students and getting them devices if needed. Mr. Jemison said we will loan electronic devices to all students whether virtual or in person. Students will carry the same device from class to class; there will be no sharing of electronic devices.

A motion was made by John Taylor to vote on the reopening plan. Nancy Daley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jemison presented the Parent/Family Engagement Compact for Learning which outlines staff responsibility as well as parent, family and student responsibilities.

A motion was made by Nancy Daley to approve the Parent/Family Compact for Learning. John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jemison also informed the board of the Engagement Plan, which lists requirements from Title 1 to get parents more involved.

A motion was made by John Taylor to approve the Engagement Plan. Nancy Daley seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote

### **Board Member Report**

Aimee Diaz wishes everyone good luck on this challenging unusual school year ahead.

Nancy Daley asked if we can delay the opening of school until September and Mr. Jemison said that we must open in August per the Governor's office. Carol Fulks said we must continue to mirror PCSB going forward.

Aimee Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM.

**Next Meeting: October 13, 2020**  
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy  
of Lake Alfred Media Center



# POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ADMINISTRATION

Jacqueline M. Byrd  
Superintendent

November 30, 2020

## MARY PULSE DISCOVERY ACADEMY

The following named individuals were fingerprinted as required by Florida Statute 1012.32. The fingerprints were submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on the date listed. Our office received the information necessary to determine that the named individuals met Level I and Level II criminal history screening requirements as outlined by Florida Statute 435.04 at that time. Should the persons listed below withdraw from employment their fingerprints will be purged from the system and files and the background clearance will be withdrawn.

NAME:	SAP/SSN#	CLEARANCE DATE:
Michael Carulli	6298	11/23/2020

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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