

Discovery High School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 10/13/2020

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks
Aimee Diaz
Nancy Daley
John Taylor
Carley Bracewell
Mary Pulse

Executive Director/Treasurer
Community Member
Community Member
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Teacher Representative
Secretary

Aimee Diaz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:52 AM.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING **Election of Chair/Officers**

After discussion and careful consideration of all nominees, Nancy Daley nominated the following members for the Board to continue in their positions:
Chair – Aimee Diaz, President/Treasurer – Carol Fulks, Secretary – Mary Pulse. John Taylor seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Presentation of Annual Audit

George Miarecki, CPA presented the annual audit to the Board. He stated that the audit went extremely well and is now complete. No Federal audit is required for DHS.

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the Audit Report and seconded by Nancy Daley. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes

A motion was made by Nancy Daley to accept the 8/11/20 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.

Board Approved
1-12-21
Date

Miarecki then reviewed the Operating Budget and the Title I Budget. Mr. Miarecki said we need to continue the current path of savings and budgeting.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the current enrollment for Discovery High School is at 917 students with 9th grade at 257, 10th at 251, 11th at 229 and 12th at 180. There are 71 on the waitlist.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions saying there have been three new hires at the high school since the last board meeting and two resignations. Nancy Daley made the motion to accept the Personnel Actions and John Taylor seconded it.

Nancy Daley asked if there were a high number of virtual students. Mr. Jemison, Principal of DHS said the number was at 270 so approximately 30%.

Old Business

Mr. Jemison gave a Title 1 update. The annual meeting was held virtually. Counselors conducted two meetings this week, one was for seniors only and the other meeting was for freshman, sophomores and juniors.

The staff at DHS is trying their best to get information to the parents in a timely fashion. It is hard because sending things home with high school students isn't always successful and with so many being virtual it's a challenge.

Open Enrollment will be held January 14-28, 2021. Plans are underway to bring the current 8th grade students at DALA over for a campus tour of DHS.

New Business

The CSP grant of \$250,000 will be used for technology. The goal is to have a one to one ratio of student to device. We also want to add Ipads to Math classrooms and desktops to the Photography/Digital Design class.

PCSB is considering a new revised calendar with the last day of school being moved to June 3, 2021. With the anticipated approval of the new calendar at the PCSB October meeting, Mrs. Fulks presented the memo from PCSB to the board. A motion was made by John Daley to accept the new calendar, Nancy Daley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Board Member Report

Aimee Diaz said to keep up the good work in keeping everything going so smoothly with virtual and in person teaching of the students.

Mr. Jemison added that things are going well with students having their own laptops all day. Mrs. Fulks informed the board that each student pays a \$40 tech fee, which essentially covers the insurance for the laptop.

Mr. Jemison said DHS is planning on sending out a 2nd semester survey to parents in November. He would like to move away from hybrid learning and will be offering in person or virtual learning options to the parents.

Carley Bracewell said the teachers are grateful for all the options that have been given to the DHS students because virtual learning allows the staff to have smaller class sizes and adhere to social distancing which keeps everyone safe and healthy.

Aimee Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:07AM.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2021
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy
of Lake Alfred Media Center