

Discovery High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
8/10/21

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks
Aimee Diaz
John Taylor
Nancy Daley
Charlotte Butler
Doretha Tillman
Mary Pulse

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

Aimee Diaz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Nancy Daley to accept the 6/8/21 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 then told the Board that Title 1 is due \$34,000 from the district.

The food services account is continuing to grow and will be used for future plans to have DHS do food services on their own, separate from Discovery Academy.

Mr. Miarecki also told the board that we have a new Secretary/Paraprofessional Salary Schedule. The new minimum wage for paraprofessionals is \$12 per hour and for secretaries, \$14 per hour. If someone is already above the \$14 then they will receive \$1 more per hour. Mrs. Fulks has the option to increase that on an individual basis after evaluations are done.

Nancy Daley made the motion to approve the Secretary/Paraprofessional Salary Schedule. John Taylor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Board Approved
10-12-21
Date

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the current enrollment for Discovery High School for the 2021-2022 school year as of now is 9th grade - 257, 10th grade - 230, 11th grade - 225 and 12th grade - 197. The wait list is 9th grade - 56, 10th grade - 25, 11th grade - 18 and 12th grade - 12 for a total of 101 on the current waitlist.

Mr. Jemison then asked if we could relook at transportation to be able to have even more students enrolled at DHS.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions to the board. Charlotte Butler inquired as to what credit recovery is? Mr. Jemison explained that instead of students having to do Florida Virtual they can stay in house and get the help on courses they need to graduate.

Nancy Daley asked if there are scholarship opportunities. Darryl Jemison said yes, the counselors research scholarships and grants and inform the teachers.

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

Darryl Jemison gave the Title 1 update. Mr. Jemison told the board that the Parent/Staff Advisory Council will continue to meet. The first meeting is already scheduled for September.

Mrs. Fulks gave a Safe Schools Update. The Raptor system is new this year and will allow classroom teachers to alert Administration about emergency situations from their classroom.

FLDOE has issued a Covid decision tree to use to help decide when students who were exposed need to quarantine.

New Business

Mrs. Fulks discussed and handed out a copy to the board members of the Opt-In memorandum received from the FLDOE. The FLDOE is allowing schools to opt-in or opt-out of getting assigned a school grade or school improvement rating. We must formally opt-in to continue to receive a school grade. Charlotte Butler made the motion to opt-in and Nancy Daley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jemison said that we were a C school last year but by continuing to receive a school grade from FLDOE will only benefit DHS in the long run.

Aimee Diaz asked what the mask policy is for students and staff, Mrs. Fulks said it is optional for all. Aimee followed up with asking if we are we encouraging vaccinations and again Mrs. Fulks said it is optional.

Nancy Daley asked if we could possibly have a vaccination day on campus and Mrs. Fulks said we would need parental permission but she would look into it further.

Mrs. Fulks presented the new board members, Charlotte Butler and Doretha Tillman. Nancy Daley made the motion to approve the new board members, John Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Board Member Report

Charlotte Butler said she feels the opt-in will give us more access to data. Mr. Jemison said we already have data from the DOE. He said Math is an area we need to look to improve but there is a good group of teachers in that department so he is encouraged that future results will improve.

Aimee Diaz said our School Resource Officer is amazing and she wished everyone a successful school year.

Nancy Daley commented that she is so happy that DHS has a music program now.

Charlotte Butler said she is so happy that DHS is now complete. Mrs. Fulks said a new parking lot and bus loop are currently being worked on.

Aimee Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:01 AM.

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