

**Discovery High School**  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
**3/7/2023**

The following members were present:

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

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

Nancy Daley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the 1/17/23 minutes as written. Charlotte Butler 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.

Mr. Miarecki said that Discovery High School has a negative cash balance due to Discovery Academy using PPP loan salaries approved for June.

Mr. Miarecki stated that since we do not receive a check in June from the state that we accrue for June salaries each month.

Mr. Miarecki also said that all IDEA money has been received for all salaries.

Mr. Miarecki said that Food Services still has a surplus of \$103,000.

In our October 2022 FTE, we reported a total of 900 students, we projected 940. Due to the difference our monthly amount of money received has decreased. When the state receives our February 2023 FTE report this should increase our monthly payments by a small amount.

There is a 20% shortfall in expenditures due to ESSER funds being spent in other areas.

Mr. Miarecki said there will be a loss of \$200,000 - \$400,000 at the end of the year. We are receiving less in FTE payments which is contributing to the loss. Another

factor in the loss of money is that Discovery High School was not a Title 1 school for 2022-2023.

Nancy Daley asked if we are trying to regain Title 1?

Mrs. Fulks said the numbers are close and the district wants us back as a Title 1 school.

### **President's Report**

Carol Fulks stated the enrollment for Discovery High School is at 872 students, 247 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 241 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 181 in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 203 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Our waitlist numbers are: 92 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 36 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 23 in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 5 in 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mrs. Fulks told the board we received many applications for the 2023-2024 school year and Lynda Saxon is working through all of those. Acceptances will be sent out the first week of April.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions. The personnel actions were put to a vote and Charlotte Butler voted to accept, seconded by John Taylor. The Personnel Actions were passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Fulks is working with the Title 1 office to re-establish Discovery High School as a Title 1 school for 2023-2024.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Fulks presented the Discovery High School 2023-2024 calendar.

Doretha Tillman made a motion to accept the calendar as proposed, Charlotte Butler seconded the motion, and it was passed with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks told the board about some upcoming Senior events. The Prom will be held on April 14, 2023, at Lake Eva in Haines City.

The Senior Awards will be held on May 2, 2023.

The last day for Seniors will be on May 12, 2023, with Graduation taking place on May 13, 2023, at 3:30 PM at the RP Funding Center.

### **Board Member Report**

Daniel Bitter told the board about the Relay for Life event and how successful it was as many students, staff and community attended the event.

Mr. Bitter said there will be a spring play and concert taking place in May. Mr. Bitter told the board to email him at DHS for more detailed information and specific dates.

Nancy Daley said a \$2500 academic scholarship is being offered from the city of Lake Alfred.

Mrs. Daley said Erica Hudson is looking into a student who would benefit the most from this scholarship.

Darryl Jemison said it is a busy end of year coming with a lot of exciting things happening at Discovery High School.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 9:16 AM

**Next Meeting: June 6, 2023**  
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred  
Media Center after the Discovery  
High School Meeting at 8:30 AM