

Discovery High School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

6/6/2023

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 8:31 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Charlotte Butler to accept the 3/7/23 minutes as written. Doretha Tillman 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 been holding money aside each month to cover the June paychecks since we do not receive a check from the county for June.

Mr. Miarecki stated that Discovery High School will be a Title 1 school for the 2023-2024 school year which is great news.

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

Mr. Miarecki said that Food Services still has a surplus even after paying back money owed to DALA. The reserve money will be used for new equipment.

We are currently about 50 students short of projected amount for FTFP. FTFP will increase 9% for students with the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Approved
8/8/2023
Date

There is a 20% shortfall in expenditures due to teacher salary increases.

Nancy Daley asked how we fix the shortfall. Mr. Miarecki said we need more students in the classrooms. We are expecting more money from the state and this will be discussed in the August meeting.

As far as expenses, Mr. Miarecki said we are on target and the budget for expenses looks good.

A vote was taken to approve the IDEA budget. Doretha Tillman made a motion to approve the budget, Charlotte Butler seconded the motion. The budget was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Miarecki said the Dining Hall is still being run by DALA. We always leave appropriate amount behind to take care of expenses.

A vote was taken to approve the Dining Hall budget. Doretha Tillman made a motion to approve the budget, Charlotte Butler seconded the motion. The budget was passed by a unanimous vote.

Nancy Daley is the food services contract is out for bid, Mr. Miarecki told the board we were accepting bids and signed a 5-year deal with SLA Management for their services in the Dining Halls.

New Business

Carol Fulks stated a vote must be taken to approve the new contract for janitorial services and grounds keeping for Enterprise. Mrs. Fulks stated there is no price increase for the upcoming school year.

Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve the contract for Enterprise Services, Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the contract for the 2023-2024 school year for the services provided by our CPA, George Miarecki. Again, no increase on Mr. Miarecki's rate for the new year.

Doretha Tillman made a motion to approve the contract for George Miarecki, CPA, Charlotte Butler seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks presented the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates and a vote was taken. Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve the revised meeting dates and Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The meeting dates were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks had each board member sign their annual conflict of interest letter. All signatures were collected and filed.

Mrs. Fulks congratulated Kim DiBrango for being selected as the teacher of the year for 2023-2024. Mrs. DiBrango will represent the teachers for board meetings held in 2023-2024.

Carol Fulks also took a minute to thank outgoing teacher representative Daniel Bitter for all his contributions to the 2022-2023 board meetings.

Board Member Report

Charlotte Butler told everyone that the breakfast for retirees was very nice and she was grateful to be invited.

Mr. Darryl Jemison spoke up to say before the board meeting is adjourned, he needs procedures approved for the upcoming school year (fee schedule, commencement fee) so we can have the 2024 graduation at the RP Funding Center.

Doretha Tillman asked if students can pay in installments?

Mr. Jemison said yes and if a student for some reason cannot pay, the school will take care of it.

Charlotte Butler asked what else needs to be paid? Mr. Jemison said there is a tech fee of \$40 for each student.

Mr. Jemison the dress code policy needs to be approved and the cell phone policy needs to be changed. Cell phone holders will be provided for each class to collect phones before each class begins. Students are starting to use AI to help with assignments.

Parents will be asked to sign off on all policies.

The Vaping policy will state that we do not provide rehab services. If students are using illegal substances, they will receive a 5-day OSS and then dismissal.

Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve all new DHS policies, Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and all policy changes were approved with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 9:00.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2023

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center after the Discovery
Academy Meeting at 8:30 AM