

Discovery High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
06/04/2024

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Nancy Daley	Chairperson/Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Tania Sims	Secretary

Nancy Daley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Nancy Daley to accept the 03/05/24 and 05/20/2024 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 each Board line item individually.

Mr. Miarecki shared 2023-2024 DHS Title one Budget, IDEA Budget, and Dining Hall Budget.

Mr. Miarecki stated that the IDEA takes the October ESE population from the previous year to project next school year funds.

Ms. Daley asked if the IDEA budgets presented showed how much DHS spent?

Mr. Miarecki said that IDEA budget was budget to budget.

Ms. Daley asked when is DHS going to get their audit for 2023-2024.

Mr. Miarecki said that the Discovery Schools audit is scheduled for June.

Ms. Daley made a motion to pass the Title one Budget, IDEA Budget, and Dining Hall Budget. John Taylor seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Miarecki reviewed DHS April 30, 2024 financial reports.

Mr. Miarecki stated that the requirements for the Bond Holders are based on the liquid assets. Mr. Miarecki recommended to sell the land across the street from Discovery Academy to help with expenses.

Ms. Daley asked how did Discovery Schools get to the current financial situation of not having enough liquid assets?

Mr. Miarecki said that Discovery Schools had unexpected expenses every year which cause Discovery Schools to be under budget.

Mr. Taylor said that the board members failed to understand how serious the financial situation was for both schools.

Mr. Miarecki said that Rodda Construction. Inc, is willing to buy the land across the street from Discovery Academy to build Discovery Elementary School.

Mrs. Fulks stated that both schools are working very diligently on marketing and increasing enrollment.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to sell the land to Rodda Construction. Inc. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Daley asked to Mr. Jemison and Mr. Frabotta if was possible to meet the enrollment numbers?

Mr. Frabotta stated that DALA has one thousand & five students enrolled for 2024-2025.

Mr. Jemison stated that DHS has eight hundred & thirty students enrolled for 2024-2025 and they are working on getting nine hundred, but DHS needs a better transportation plan to be able to increase their enrollment.

Mr. Warren said that there's no doubt that DALA is going to meet the target. He also mentioned that increasing the enrollment means increasing the staff.

Ms. Daley asked if DHS is going to have new routes with the four new buses?

Mr. Whitehead said that those buses are going to be used for the current transportation routes.

Ms. Butler asked what is the capacity of the middle school?

Mr. Warren said that the highest enrollment was one thousand & forty students and DALA has the capacity.

Mr. Jemison mentioned that to increase DHS enrollment, they will need to use those new four buses to take additional routes. He suggested three different areas, Eagle Lake, Cypress Gardens and the other side of Haines City.

Mr. Taylor made a motion for Mr. Jemison and Mr. Whitehead to meet and develop three new routes with the four new buses for Discovery High. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Taylor made a motion for DHS to set a goal of nine hundred students. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Frabotta said that from an operation standpoint, one of his concerns is teachers possibly leaving or becoming overwhelmed by increasing the capacity of the classrooms.

Mr. Miarecki said that Discovery Schools is losing money because of FTE.

President's Reports

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

Old Business

Mr. Jemison gave a Title One update, Mr. Jemison said DHS is working on a different new way of getting more parents involved in the school.

Mr. Miarecki shared Title One budget allocation.

New Business

Ms. Daley made a motion to see others companies quotes for janitorial services and ground keeping before approving and renewing the new contract to Enterprise Services Cleaning, Inc. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks presented the 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates to meet every month and a vote was taken. Ms. Daley made a motion to approve the revised meeting dates and Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The meeting dates were approved by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks presented the conflict-of-Interest form for the board members to sign.

Ms. Daley mentioned that Building Hope provides a financial advisory who can help temporarily.

Ms. Daley made a motion to extend Mr. Miarecki's contract for 60 days and at that time the board members will make a decision to either renew or cancel his contract. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting dates were approved by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks introduced a name of a potential new board member recommended by Ms. Daley.

Mrs. Fulks will invite the new potential member to the next board meeting.

Board Member Report

Ms. Daley suggested that the board members need to evaluate Mr. Miarecki's performance and all Administrators as well.

Mr. Warren mentioned that this upcoming year Discovery Schools have to change the evaluation system, they've added leadership standards.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 10:45 A.M.

Next Meeting: August 13th, 2024
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center after the Discovery
High School Meeting at 9:00 A.M.