

Discovery High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
10/04/2024

The following members were present:

Nancy Daley	Chairperson/Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Terry Gier	Community Member
Tania Sims	Secretary

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

Ms. Daley stated that DHS has called for an emergency meeting because DHS has a deadline today to approve the Corrective Action Plan and send it to the Polk County School Board. Ms. Daley, Mr. Warren and the both school principals have had input, especially Mr. Jemison.

Ms. Daley said she had two different attorneys telling her that DHS doesn't rise to the criteria for a financial emergency, and both attorneys advised her to call it a Corrective Action Plan and ask the district to do the same. PCSB asked her to send them a letter from the bond holders saying that DHS is current and hasn't missed any of the things that are on this list. Discovery High has paid all their bills, teachers, FRS, etc.

Ms. Daley also mentioned Ms. Dana Vignale from Building Hope, referred her to a charter school attorney who has handled a lot of the same situations. Ms. Daley sent the Corrective Action Plan to Mr. Mulling, and he gave her some pointers, corrections and things to change.

Ms. Daley explained that the new Corrective Action Plan put to vote today has some changes recommended by Mr. Mulling including a two-year plan and the Phoenix program to help save some students from being dismissed.

Ms. Daley said Discovery Schools are going to have more of a saving on the health insurance, because the UHC prices are coming under the quote \$314,034.00 is for both schools' health and liability.

Ms. Daley said Building Hope has suggested a different accounting system and we're looking into it just to see if that makes it easier for our staff and principals to understand so we don't get into this situation.

Ms. Daley asked for an extension. PCSB responded saying they couldn't give one, but this Corrective Action Plan would be considered a draft in case we need to make changes. The five years budget and a copy of the forbearance agreement will attach to the plan.

Ms. Daley said the question we need answered from the school district is, "can we make this a Corrective Action Plan and not a Fiscal Recovery Plan?" Because the difference is, if they decide that we are in a financial emergency we lose our capital outlay and it becomes a much more serious infraction.

Ms. Daley reiterated that Mr. Woodring said that Discovery Schools had not missed any payments.

Ms. Daley asked the rest of the board members if they have any questions or concerns regarding the Corrective Action Plan?

Ms. Daley stated that every time there is a board meeting, the bond holders will have a meeting with both schools. They want to know how we're doing, what's our budget to actual, any changes and how student enrollment is going. Both schools' principals need to keep an eye on enrollment and make sure that both schools are not violating any of the district rules while still satisfying the bondholders.

Ms. Daley said we are still waiting for the results of the management evaluation and the forensic audit, which is going to open some avenues.

Ms. Daley mentioned before sending the draft she asked the attorney, if she should submit this the way it is? And he said, yes. With the five-year plan that George created? And he said, yes. Ms. Daley has it in email and writing.

Mr. John Taylor made a motion to approve DHS Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 10:00 A.M.

Next Meeting: October 17th, 2024
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center after the Discovery
High School Meeting at 9:15 A.M.