

# DISCOVERY SCHOOLS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Type:** Combined Work Session Governing Board Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025

**Time:** 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM

**Location:** Discovery High School

**Presiding Officer:** Nancy Daley, Chairperson

**Minutes Prepared By:** Tania Sims, Secretary

The Meeting of the Discovery Schools Combined Work Session was called to order at 9:15 AM by Nancy Daley, Chairperson.

*Board Members Present:*

- Kevin Warren, President/Treasurer
- Nancy Daley, Chairperson/Community Member
- Charlotte Butler, Community Member
- Doretha Tillman, Community Member
- John Taylor, Community Member
- Tania Sims, Secretary

*Board Members Absent:*

None

*Others in Attendance:*

- Jemison Darryl, DHS Principal
- Stephen Frabotta, DALA Principal
- Beth Fontaine
- Erica Hudson
- Mel Green

## II. Budget update

**Presenter:** Stephen Frabotta, DALA Principal, and Jemison Darryl, DHS Principal

**Summary of Presentation & Discussion:**

- Mr. Frabotta and Mr. Jemison reported that both schools are currently operating within the board-approved budget but are preparing amendments to address a significant revenue error in the original document.
- The principals identified a critical issue: the original budget incorrectly included an estimated \$400,000 in separate millage revenue for the middle school and approximately \$100,000 for the high school. It was later confirmed that this millage is already incorporated into the standard Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) payments and is not a separate revenue stream.
- This discovery invalidated the previously "balanced" budget, which had included a 3% reserve. The error has now created a significant deficit, **which has eliminated** the reserve fund and then some.

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- Mrs. Daley clarified that the incorrect calculation was made by a former Building Hope CFO who is no longer with the organization. She noted that Rich Marino and Gordon, representatives from Building Hope, have met with the school leadership to acknowledge the mistake and discuss solutions.
- In response to the error, the finance team has undertaken a thorough review of all budget numbers, identifying and correcting several other minor inaccuracies.
- The administration is currently awaiting the final group insurance costs per employee to finalize the amended budget. The primary goal is to reallocate expenses to, at a minimum, achieve a break-even budget for the current year.

**Consensus & Direction:**

The Board acknowledged the serious nature of the budget error and the ongoing efforts to correct it. The administration was directed to continue its work on the amended budget, with a focus on eliminating the projected deficit. The finalized amended budget, reflecting accurate revenue numbers and reallocated expenses, will be presented to the Board for formal approval at a future meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM by Chairperson Daley.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tania Sims**

Secretary, Discovery Schools Governing Board

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2025**  
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred Media  
Center at 9:15 A.M.