

**Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred**  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
**8/10/21**

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Aimee Diaz	Chairperson/Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Nancy Daley	Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Mary Pulse	Secretary

Aimee Diaz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the 6/8/21 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.

Miarecki then told the Board the PPP loan should be forgiven during the 2021-2022 school year.

The bus loan is continuing to go down at a great pace and will be paid off in the not so distant future.

Mr. Miarecki told the board that \$136,000 was received from the government for 3 months worth of food service expenditures (March-May 2021).

Mr. Miarecki said we received funding for 1010 students but we only budgeted for 980. We were over budget on investment growth and on teacher salaries. We were, however, under budget on medical and retirement.

Mrs. Fulks said we received the renewal on our health insurance and it only increased by 2%, we had budgeted for 8%. We were also under budget on staff training since it could not be done to COVID.

**Board Approved**

10-12-21

Date

Mr. Miarecki also told the board that we have a new Secretary/Paraprofessional Salary Schedule. The new minimum wage for paraprofessionals is \$12 per hour and for secretaries, \$14 per hour. If someone is already above the \$14 then they will receive \$1 more per hour. Mrs. Fulks has the option to increase that on an individual basis after evaluations are done.

Nancy Daley made the motion to approve the Secretary/Paraprofessional Salary Schedule. John Taylor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### **President's Report**

Carol Fulks stated the current enrollment for Discovery Academy for the 2021-2022 school year as of now is 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 322, 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 316, 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 353 for a total of 991 students. The wait list is 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 48, 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 53 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 25 for a total of 126 on the current waitlist.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions to the board.

Nancy Daley made a motion to accept all personnel actions and John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Fulks gave the Title 1 update. Mrs. Fulks told the board that the Parent/Staff Advisory Council will continue to meet. The first meeting is already scheduled for September.

Mrs. Fulks gave a Safe Schools Update. The Raptor system is new this year and will allow classroom teachers to alert Administration about emergency situations from their classroom.

FLDOE has issued a Covid decision tree to use to help decide when students who were exposed need to quarantine.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Fulks discussed and handed out a copy to the board members of the Opt-In memorandum received from FLDOE. The FLDOE is allowing schools to opt-in or opt-out of getting assigned a school grade or school improvement rating. We must formally opt-in to continue to receive a school grade. Charlotte Butler made the motion to opt-in and John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Nancy Daley asked what grade Discovery Academy was given and Mrs. Fulks said C.

Mrs. Fulks gave an update on Technology Policies and Procedures. There will be no devices taken home by students but devices will be available for all students in all classes.

Mrs. Fulks presented the new board members, Charlotte Butler and Doretha Tillman. Nancy Daley made the motion to approve the new board members, John Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Board Member Report**

Aimee Diaz wished everyone a successful school year.

Carol Fulks said she is encouraged by the financial reports and told the board three grants have been written and submitted for Technology.

Nancy Daley commented that she is happy that we are pursuing all available grants to help the students.

Aimee Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:27 AM.

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2021**  
Following DHS Board Meeting at  
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy  
of Lake Alfred Media Center