Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1/17/2023

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
Mary Pulse	Secretary

Nancy Daley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the 8/9/22 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 the assets show we are in a good spot financially. The bond reserves are unchanged.

Mr. Miarecki also said that we are owed money by Title one and we still have a small amount of cash on hand from the IDEA grant.

Mr. Miarecki said that Food Services still has money to spend and will be purchasing new equipment.

Mr. Miarecki said the ESSER grants have been very helpful. We are down ½% in revenue due to student enrollment down. Mr. Miarecki said the expenditures are always budgeted for worst case scenario.

Transportation expenses are right on budget. Operating budget is 5% under budget and Media is 2% under budget.

Mr. Miarecki said the IDEA money of $65,850 will be collected soon. We've collected $127,000 from Title 1 and they still owe us $35,000.

Mr. Miarecki presented the 2021-2022 audit findings.

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Date

Mr. Miarecki said we need to watch enrollment and expenditures to maintain a positive balance. State revenue is under due to less students. Salaries have also increased by $206,000 which has hurt us financially.

Dorthea Tillman made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 audit. John Taylor seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the enrollment for Discovery Academy is at 925 students, 318 in 6th grade, 287 in 7th grade and 283 in 8th grade. The waitlist already has 177 applications in 6th grade, 50 in 7th grade and 53 in 8th grade for a total of 280 on the waitlist.

Mrs. Daley inquired as to why we just don't take students off the waitlist to increase our numbers and ultimately our funding. Mrs. Fulks said it's not that easy because as students are added we also need to add more resources and more teachers.

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

Old Business

Kevin Warren said we are up to date on parent meetings. High School 101 was completed.

Orientation will be held here in April and will be open to all grades. The numbers we are projecting will go to the county in February 2023.

New Business

Mrs. Fulks informed the board that open enrollment for 2023-2024 will take place from January 17th – January 30th.

Mrs. Fulks presented the Reunification Plan/Safe Schools Disaster Preparedness. John Taylor made a motion to approve the Reunification plan and Doretha Tillman seconded the motion. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

Transportation

Covered under the DHS meeting/please refer to the DHS minutes.

Board Member Report

Nancy Daley asked if we sent flyers to new schools/new developments? Mrs. Fulks said we have not done that yet, but we can certainly do that in the near future. Mrs. Daley said we should do that soon as many developments already have sample houses, and the houses are already selling.

Mrs. Daley suggested we use a DHS student to deliver flyers, maybe we could offer that student community service credits.

Mrs. Daley said sample houses only inform potential buyers of PCSB schools. Mrs. Daley will get Mrs. Fulks a list of developments that are now actively selling.

John Taylor asked if in light of the concerns raised by Governor DeSantis are we changing curriculum?

Mrs. Fulks said we are working on getting new standards and curriculum to teachers.

Mrs. Daley asked if we are still hiring ex-Military and Kevin Warren said yes, we are. Mrs. Daley also added that perhaps an incentive to get military into teaching would be for us to pay for tests and certifications for those that apply to teach. Mrs. Fulks said she would investigate this further.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 9:36 AM

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred Media Center