

Discovery Academy of Science  
VIRTUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
September 5, 2020 Minutes  
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698  
Saturday, 9:00 am

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Approval of 06/13/2020 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks
- 6- COVID-19 Updates
  - Review the progress of DAS ReOpening Plan
  - Plan of action in the case of a positive staff of student, page 26-27 of reopening plan
  - DOH Connection and Recommendations
  - PCS case monitoring
  - No word yet about our CSP grant updates
  - ESSER Grant Applications
- 7- Governor's Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Plan - Discussion Item
  - State directives and guidelines
  - Approval of DAS salary increase plan (work in progress) [ Request for approval]
    - Two scenarios to select to be voted by the board.
- 8- Request for Approval: Business Contracts
  - Food Service Contract with PCS
  - DAS Connect Service Contract with Charter Resources Inc.
  - Speech Therapy Contract
- 9- CPA's official audit report
  - Discussion of the report
- 10- Staffing Recommendations and OOF approval
  - OOF Field Approval Jessica Brown IF Elem. Ed, OOF ESOL
- 11- Review of Finances
  - Recent financial reports. Ending July 2020
  - Final Budget amendment for Fy 2019-20
  - Approval of 2020-21 Budget
  - Coronavirus Prevention and Response Sanitation & Cleaning Grant
- 12- A possible candidate to replace Dr. Yildirim in the foreseeable future due to her new job.[edited agenda item]
- 13- Closure of the meeting Saturday, November 7th for the next board meeting tentatively. 8:30 am

Additional Information  
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## Issues/ Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Fatih Demir
2. Approval of agenda items; Dr Yildirim wanted to add an agenda item regarding her position at DAS.  
Item added as #12 to the agenda.

Motion: Approve agenda items Mr. Demir after the change.

Second: Mr. Elmazi

Vote: yes-4

No-0

3. Approval of last board meeting minutes

Motion Approval of the June 13, 2019 board meeting minutes Mr. Demir

Second Dr. Caliskan

Vote Yes-4

No-0

Vote Yes-4

No-0

4. Principal remarks: Mr. Akbaba updated board members about the following items.

Mr. Akbaba gave updates were as below.

We have successfully opened the school.

53% of parents opted into E-Learning 2.0

E-Learning is now updated into E-Learning 2.0 which complies with the state directive of synchronous learning. Students have a schedule to follow mimicking a scheduled classroom environment.

E-learning teachers have licensed ZOOM access for a better digital teaching experience.

47% of the parents opted into face to face learning.

We have taken 19 different measures to prevent COVID-19 on both campuses. A detailed summary is shared with parents.

ESSER grant is the main financial source for this.

Coronavirus prevention and sanitation cleaning grant is also being worked on with the grants management office

South wing classroom renovation and expansion is now completed. The link is the final building permit status.

The audit is completed and is shared with the board of directors and available for view on this board agenda and documents.

We identified the timeline to ask parents about their quarter-2 choices. The surveys will be going out. Below is the tentative timeline

September 30: Parent survey out

October 9: parent survey due

October 9-16 Mr. Duman and Ms. Holland finalizes new schedule if a need arises

October 19-23 schedules communicated to parents

October 23: The last day of Quarter-1

October 26: First day of the second quarter. Please notice Monday is teacher workday

If more parents choose face to face for middle school, we have to update our school's master schedule.

November ballot referendum update: Mr. Demir and I attended a board workshop back in July. Charter schools will be also paid if the referendum passes again.

The attached link is the charter school allocation for the 2021-22 school year.

Once I prepare the documents for salary allocation, I will bring it to the board's attention for discussion and approval.

5. Public remarks- no public remarks were made in this session. public asked to email principal Akbaba for public comments to be read during the virtual board meeting.
6. Covid-19 updates: Mr. Akbaba updated the board regarding preventions strategies and application at DAS. Board reviewed the process of school operations. page 26-27 of the reopening plan was discussed reflecting the DOH involvement. Mr. Akbaba mentioned that he has the point of contacts at DOH for any possible cases on campus and contact tracing.
7. Approval Governor's Teacher Salary Increase; Mr. Akbaba presented the two plans he prepared for the salary increases. Board members reviewed the statute and directives by FLDOE. Dr. Caliskan and all other board members stated that the veteran teachers shall also be eligible for more increases. Based on the discussion, Scenario-2 is selected to be voted by the board. The maximum base salary will be \$45,750.  
80% of the allocation will be going to teachers who makes less than \$47,500
  - Motion: Approve the Scenario-2 for teacher salary increase item-7 Mr. Demir
  - Second: Dr. Caliskan, Elmazi
  - Vote: Yes-4  
No-0
8. Request for approvals Business Contracts: Mr. Akbaba presented the contract listed in the agenda item. DAS Connect is for teacher online gradebook as well as an E-Learning platform. PCS also uses a similar moodle based platform Canvas. DAS Connect improved its connections issues originating from its servers back in Spring.  
Food service is still being delivered by the PCS food department. DAS board appreciates the school district allowing this service for DAS families.  
DAS will continue to work with Kids Therapy for its speech and language services for students with disabilities in this specific area. The hourly rate is still \$60
  - Motion: Approve the agenda item-8 Mr. Demir
  - Second: Dr. Yildirim
  - Vote: yes-4  
No-0
9. CPA Annual Audit report. Board Members reviewed the audit reports. DAS had a positive fund balance since its opening in the year 2013. The tradition continues. DAS has reserve funds to be used in case of an emergency financial problem at the state level.
10. Staffing recommendations were made by Principal Akbaba. As of today there are no empty positions at DAS other than the departing reading teacher. Asst. Principal Mr. Duman rearranged the master schedule to reflect the change. DAS won't need one until the end of the 1st quarter. Ms. Jessica Brown is OOF for ESOL recommended to the board to be assigned OOF for ESOL due to ESOL students she is assigned. Board approved it unanimously.
11. Review of Finances  
Board members reviewed the financials.  
July payroll is moved to past fiscal year because it was the liability of the past fiscal year. That resulted a bigger positive fund balance in July but it will also create a larger negative impact on June report each year.  
Mr. Akbaba explained the final budge amendment regarding the past fiscal year.
12. Dr. Yildirim explained to the board that she accepted another job that will ultimately require her to work on Saturdays and travel. She will remain at the board until the DAS board finds a replacement for her. She will participate in the next board meeting in November 2020.
13. Closure of the meeting: Board Member presented November 7th as the next board meeting date. Mr. Akbaba will publish the date at the school offices and the school website for public participation. Board members decided to conduct meeting virtually due to COVID-19.

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Board Members

Fatih Demir, Derya Yildirim, Fethullah Caliskan, Agron Elmazi