

DISCOVERY EDUCATION SERVICES INC.,
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 4, 2021
5:50 PM
at Seminole Science Charter School

Schools:

Orlando Science Middle/High School
Orlando Science Elementary School
Seminole Science Charter School
Osceola Science Charter School

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the agenda items
3. Approval of meeting minutes of 12/03/2020
4. Public remarks

PRESENTATION

5. Principal Report

ACTION ITEMS

6. Request Approval of 2020-21 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Osceola Science Charter School (490181):

Alicea, Adrian/Baez, Krystal/Bailey, Dimitria/Bonczyk, Katelyn/Bourne, Bethany/Brawner, Jessie/Casillas, Jessica/Cimen, Ibrahim/Dannemiller, Jessica/ Dawsey, Lauren/Echevarria, Michelle/Francois, Stephanie/Gilliland, Alexis/Harville, Casey/Ismail, Huda/Jamilla, Jeremy/Johnson, Kara/Leikness, Christine/Leslie, Casey/Lopardo, Kristin/Maldonado, Kristin/Maschio, Tawnia/McClellan, Larry/Mcdaniel, Curtis/Nieves, Bonnie/Ortiz Rios, Luz/Parrish, Taylor/Quadri, Farah/Ramos, Estela/Rivera, Diana/Rodriguez, Jennifer/Snell, Jennifer/Sotela, Karoll/Sottile-Alicea, Laura/Standard, Mary/Stewart, Megan/Vega, Berenise/Velez, Mildred/Viguet, Sara/Walter, Tanya/Wilson, Alyssa
7. Request Approval of 2020-21 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Orlando Science Middle-High School (480089):

Helton, Benjamin
8. Request Approval of purchasing management software licenses for mobile devices
9. Request Approval of renewal and upgrade of MS Pro Plus Faculty and Students software licenses

FINANCIAL REPORTS

F1. Review of Financial reports

UPDATES

U1. Executive Director's Report

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Items discussed and voted by Governing Board Members:

- The board president, Mr. Fortna, and board secretary, Ms. Sharon, attended the meeting in person. Board vice president, Mr. Sabuncu, dialed in to the meeting.

1) Call to order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to the order at 5:51 PM.

2) Approval of agenda items

- Ms. Sharon moved the motion for approval of agenda items. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes- 12/03/2020

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of Meeting Minutes- 12/03/2020. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

4) Public remarks

- There were no comments from the public

PRESENTATION

5) Principal Report

- Mr. Aksu discussed the enrollment at Seminole Science Charter School for the spring semester. Around half of the students will remain online, and half will return to in-person learning. He reported on data regarding students' academic progress and plans for any struggling students. Around 98% of students plan to return next year, and only two staff members plan to leave. Open enrollment for 2021-2022 has ended, and the school placement lottery will be held on February 6, 2021. He also discussed the progress of competition teams. Many are participating in online tournaments.

ACTION ITEMS

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- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of the 2020-21 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Osceola Science Charter School (490181). Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

7) Request Approval of 2020-21 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Orlando Science Middle-High School (480089):

Helton, Benjamin

- Ms. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of the 2020-21 school year Out-of-Field teachers of Orlando Science Middle-High School (480089). Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

8) Request Approval of purchasing management software licenses for mobile devices

- The Board discussed the need for software to block unwanted sites even when devices are off campus as online learning continues.
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of purchasing management software licenses for mobile devices. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

9) Request Approval of renewal and upgrade of MS ProPlus Faculty and Students software licenses.

- The Board discussed a necessary upgrade so students at home will have MS access to complete assignments.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion for approval of renewal and upgrade of MS Pro Plus Faculty and Students software licenses. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

F1. Review of Financial Reports

- As of December 3, 2020, all budget projections are aligned with spending. There was an increase in spending for extra Chromebooks for online learning. This expenditure was covered by a CARES ACT ESSER grant. Board will continue to monitor all financials keeping a close watch on the State's education budget.

UPDATES

U1. Executive Director's Report

- Dr. Akin updated the Board about teacher salary increases that began with December 2020 payroll. He discussed the upcoming Survey 3 and how Survey 2 numbers were in-line with expectations. The open enrollment window for all campuses has ended, and lotteries for placement have been scheduled. After the lottery process, all schools should be at capacity for the upcoming school year. Dr. Akin also reviewed the action plan for any struggling students with the teams being organized to keep all students on track for graduation. As a result of leadership changes at Orlando Middle-High School, Dr. Akin will be the principal. The high school robotics team received a \$25,000 grant from Best Buy. Also, our school received 70 hot spots to help with online learning connectivity.

Closure of the meeting

- Mr. Fortna moved the motion for the closure of the meeting. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.**

Mr. David Fortna

Mr. Ibrahim Sabuncu

Ms. Sharon Akdeniz

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