

Vision: To empower all students with a STEM education which will help them reach their maximum potential and guide them to a promising and successful career.

Mission: To provide a high-quality, well-rounded education for K-12 students in Central Florida by incorporating innovative, proven, research-based instructional methods in a stimulating and nurturing environment which provides a special emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), and Reading.

DISCOVERY EDUCATION SERVICES, INC.,
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
5:30 PM
at Orlando Science Middle-High School- Lynx Campus

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 02.08.2023 and 4.12.2023
4. Public remarks

PRESENTATION

- P1. Investment opportunities for DES presented by PNC Bank

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

5. Request Approval of DES Policies
 1. Investment Policy
 2. Bathroom Locker Room Policy
 3. Online Educational Service Policy
 4. HB 1557 Complaints Policy
6. Request Approval to authorize the Executive Director and the Board Chair to sign investment plans.
7. Request Approval of memoranda for instructional personnel's supplement/bonus payments from ESSER Grants

8. Request Approval of 2022-23 budgets of OSS, OSES, SSCS and OSCS
9. Request Approval of 2023-24 school year contracts
10. Request Approval of 2021-22 fiscal year audit reports and tax form of OSS, OSES, SSCS, OSCS and DES
11. Request Approval of 2022-23 fiscal year audit engagement letters of OSS, OSES, SSCS, OSCS and DES
12. Request Approval of School Charter School Policy for FSS Rule 6A- 10018
13. Request Approval of enrollment capacities of OSS, OSES, SSCS, and OSCS
14. Request Approval of Engagement Letter with Jorns & Associates, LLC for ERC
15. Request Approval of the Lynx Campus' renovation contract
16. Request Approval of Purchase Contract of Seminole Vacant Land

NON-CONSENT ITEM

17. Approvals of the board member appointments for the Governing Board of Discovery Education Services, Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- F1. Financial reports

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

ED. 01 OSS HS and Lynx campuses renovation projects

ED.02 Cognia Systemwide Accreditation

Closure of the meeting

Items discussed and voted by Governing Board Members:

- The board president Mr. Fortna and board secretary Ms. Sharon attended in person. Board member Mr. Sabuncu called in to the meeting.
 1. Call to order
 - Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
 2. Approval of the agenda items

- Mr. Fortna requested that item 5.1 Approval of Investment Policy be removed from the agenda, as a few minor changes need to be made to policy.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion to approve the amended agenda items. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Approval of meeting minutes of 02.08.2023 and 4.12.2023

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of the meeting minutes of 02.08.2023 and 4.12.2023. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

4. Public remarks

- There were no public remarks.

PRESENTATION

P1. Investment opportunities for DES presented by PNC Bank

- PNC investment team presented ideas for ways to invest non-operation funds.
- They explained the benefits of a ladder portfolio and how to minimize risk.
- They answered board questions about fees and liquidity of investments.

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- Item 5.1, approval on investment policy, was removed from the agenda pending a final legal review.
- Dr. Akin reviewed the DES policies and answered any questions.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion for approval of consent agenda. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

NON-CONSENT ITEM

17. Approvals of the board member appointments for the Governing Board of Discovery Education Services, Inc.

- Candidates, Dr. Brindala, Dr. Yuksel and Mr. Colak all spoke briefly about their enthusiasm to join the board.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion to elect Dr. Brindala to the Governing Board of Discovery Education Services, Inc. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion to elect Dr. Yuksel to the Governing Board of Discovery Education Services, Inc. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion to elect Mr. Colak to the Governing Board of Discovery Education Services, Inc. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

F1. Financial reports

- Mr. Celik was unable to attend, so the financials will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Dr. Akin reported that budgets are on track there are no concerns

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

ED. 01 OSS HS and Lynx campuses renovation projects

- Lynx renovation project is set to begin June 2.
- HS renovation is nearly complete, keys are expected by April 30.

ED.02 Cognia Systemwide Accreditation

- Ms. Monahan is leading the process for Cognia Accreditation
- Official process will begin in February 2024.
- Dr. Akin recognized Osceola Science Charter School for being a top compliance charter school in Osceola County.

18. Closure of the meeting

Mr. Fortna moved a motion to close the meeting at 7:12pm. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Mr. David Fortna

Mr. Ibrahim Sabuncu

Ms. Sharon Akdeniz