

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

5:30 PM

at Orlando Science Middle High Charter 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 Agenda Items
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 05.02.2024
4. Public Remarks

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

- ED01. Half-Cent Sales Surtax

ACTION ITEMS

- A01. Request Approval of Policy and Procedure for School Safety and Security Requirements Set Forth In Florida Statutes And Rule 6a-1.0018; Rule 6a-1.0019, And Florida Administrative Code of SSCS
- A02. Request Approval of the 2024-25 SY Governing Board Meeting Calendar
- A03. Request Approval of the Curriculum of Orlando Science Charter School K-8
- A04. Request Approval to authorize Dr. Akin, the Board Chair, and Board Attorney to finalize CSP grant-required school policies of Orlando Science Charter School K-8
- A05. Request Approval to authorize Dr. Akin, the Board Chair, and Board Attorney to finalize the Wellness Policy of Orlando Science Charter School K-8
- A06. Request Approval to authorize Dr. Akin and the Board Chair to finalize the Food Service Management Contract of Orlando Science Charter School K-8
- A07. Request Approval of Service and Support Agreement
- A08. Closure of the meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

The Board Members Dr. Brindala, Dr. Yuksel, and Mr. Colak attended in person, while Mr. Fortna and Mr. Sabuncu dialed in.

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Items

- Dr. Brindala moved the motion for the approval of agenda items. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 05.02.2024

- Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for approval of the meeting minutes of 05.02.2024. Dr. Brindala seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Public Remarks

- No public remarks were made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

ED01. Half-Cent Sales Surtax

- Dr. Akin mentioned that Orange County Public Schools is proposing the renewal of the Half-Cent Sales Surtax with voter approval. The current tax is set to expire at the end of 2025, but it will be on the ballot again in November 2024. A referendum on the November 5, 2024, ballot will ask voters whether to continue the half-cent sales tax for capital needs of district and charter schools for ten years.

ACTION ITEMS

A01. Request Approval of Policy and Procedure for School Safety and Security Requirements Set Forth in Florida Statutes and Rule 6A-1.0018; Rule 6A-1.0019, and Florida Administrative Code of SSCS

- Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for approval. Dr. Brindala seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A02. Request Approval of the 2024-25 SY Governing Board Meeting Calendar

- Mr. Sabuncu moved the motion for approval. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A03. Request Approval of the Curriculum of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Zafer Demir, mentioned that the curriculum is aligned with the curriculum of Orlando Science Schools and is also Florida Department of Education adopted curriculum. To keep the comparable schools aligned and increase collaboration between schools and instructional staff members, he sought approval of the curriculum of Orlando Science Charter School K-8 as presented. Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for approval. Dr. Brindala seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A04. Request Approval to Authorize Dr. Akin, the Board Chair, and Board Attorney to Finalize CSP Grant-Required School Policies of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- Dr. Akin explained that the CSP grant requires specific policies which need to be finalized over the summer. He mentioned that he would get assistance from the governing board attorney for the required policies. Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A05. Request Approval to Authorize Dr. Akin, the Board Chair, and Board Attorney to Finalize the Wellness Policy of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- Dr. Akin mentioned that the Wellness Policy for Orlando Science Charter School K-8 needs to be finalized over the summer. He mentioned that he would get assistance from the governing board attorney. Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A06. Request Approval to Authorize Dr. Akin and the Board Chair to Finalize the Food Service Management Contract of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- Dr. Akin explained the bidding process and timeline for awarding the food contract. It is expected that the bidding process and awarding the contract will take place in mid-July. Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A07. Request Approval of Service and Support Agreement

- The service provider agreement was reviewed and discussed by the board members. Drs. Yuksel and Brindala expressed their concerns regarding the service provider being a for-profit entity. The board members questioned and negotiated the percent of budget to be appropriated for the agreement. After long discussions among board members and all parties, the governing board attorney conducted a comprehensive revision of the draft agreement by incorporating the agreed-upon discussion points. Once the agreement was finalized, Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A08. Closure of the Meeting

- Dr. Yuksel moved to approve the motion. Mr. Colak seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

David Fortna, Board Chair

Date: _____