

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, August 23, 2022
5:30 PM
at Orlando Science Middle-High 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 05.24.2022 and 06.09.2022
4. Public remarks

ACTION ITEMS

5. Request Approval of OSS, OSES and OSCS Food Contracts with their School Districts
6. Request Approval of Discovery Education Services Inc., 2022-23 Employee Handbook
7. Request Approval of OSS, OSES, SCS and OSCS 2022-23 Student Handbooks
8. Request Approval of OSES' Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
9. Request Approval of OSS, OSCS and SCS to be included their School Districts Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
10. Request Approval of OSS and OSES, Safe School Officer Designations

11. Request Approval of implementing the OCPS Zero-Tolerance Policies and Agreements with Law Enforcement policy for OSS and OSES
12. Request Approval of SSCS and OSCS' Safe School Plan
13. Request Approval of implementing OCPS' Active Assailant Response Plan for OSS and OSES
14. Request Approval of Security Guard Service Agreement with EGPS for OSCS and OSES
15. Request Approval of utilizing OCPS Bullying and Harassment Prevention Policy for OSS and OSES
16. Request Approval of Threat Assessment Procedure of OSCS
17. Request Approval of 2022-23 Board Meeting Calendar

08/23/2022 at 5:30 pm – Orlando Science Middle/High Lynx Campus

10/11/2022 at 5:30 pm – Osceola Science Charter School Campus

12/06/2022 at 5:30 pm – Seminole Science Charter School

02/02/2023 at 5:30 pm – Osceola Science Charter School

04/11/2023 at 5:30 pm – Seminole Science Charter School

05/23/2023 at 5:30 pm – Orlando Science Middle/High Lynx Campus

Governing Board Workshops

08/25/2022 at 5:30 pm – Orlando Science Middle/High Lynx Campus

Items discussed and voted by Governing Board Members:

- The board president Mr. Fortna, board secretary Ms. Sharon, board member Mr. Sabuncu and board member Ms. He attended the meeting in person.

1. Call to order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to the order at 5:37pm.

2. Approval of agenda items

- Ms. Sharon moved a motion to add a discussion item regarding a nomination of a new board member. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion to add a discussion item regarding emails sent to the board about employee grievances and complaints against the board. **Ms. Sharon seconded. Mr. Sabuncu, Ms. Sharon and Ms. He voted yay, Mr. Fortna voted nay. The motion passed with a majority yay vote.**
- Ms. Sharon moved the motion for approval of amended agenda items. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 05.24.2022 and 06.09.2022

- Mr. Fortna moved a motion for Approval of Meeting Minutes of 05.24.2022 and 06.09.2022. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

4. Public remarks

- No public remarks were made.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Request Approval of OSS, OSES and OSCS Food Contracts with their School Districts

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of OSS, OSES and OSCS Food Contracts with their School Districts. Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

6. Request Approval of Discovery Education Services Inc., 2022-23 Employee Handbook

- Dr. Akin reviewed the updated handbook with the board.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion for approval of Discovery Education Services Inc., 2022-23 Employee Handbook. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

7. Request Approval of OSS, OSES, SSCS and OSCS 2022-23 Student Handbooks

- The board reviewed the student handbooks
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of OSS, OSES, SSCS and OSCS 2022-23 Student Handbooks. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

8. Request Approval of OSES' Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of OSES' Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan. Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

9. Request Approval of OSS, OSCS and SSCS to be included their School Districts Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan.

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of OSS, OSCS and SSCS to be included their School Districts' Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

10. Request Approval of OSS and OSES, Safe School Officer Designations

- OPD will send off-duty officers to OSS; and OSES will have a private security officer.
- Ms. Sharon moved a motion for Approval of OSS and OSES, Safe School Officer Designations. Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

11. Request Approval of implementing the OCPS Zero-Tolerance Policies and Agreements with Law Enforcement policy for OSS and OSES

- Board agreed to implement OCPS policy for OSS and OSES.

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of implementing the OCPS Zero-Tolerance Policies and Agreements with Law Enforcement policy for OSS and OSES. Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

12. Request Approval of SSCS and OSCS' Safe School Plan

- OSS and OSES will complete more training before approving their respective plans
- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of SSCS and OSCS' Safe School Plan, Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

13. Request Approval of implementing OCPS' Active Assailant Response Plan for OSS and OSES

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of implementing OCPS' Active Assailant Response Plan for OSS and OSES. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

14. Request Approval of Security Guard Service Agreement with EGPS for OSCS and OSES

- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for approval of Security Guard Service Agreement with EGPS for OSCS and OSES. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

15. Request Approval of utilizing OCPS Bullying and Harassment Prevention Policy for OSS and OSES

- Ms. He moved a motion for approval of utilizing OCPS Bullying and Harassment Prevention Policy for OSS and OSES. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

16. Request Approval of Threat Assessment Procedure of OSCS

- Mr. Moon requested OSCS follow Osceola County procedures.
- Ms. He moved a motion for approval of Threat Assessment Procedure of OSCS. Mr. Sabuncu seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

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- Mr. Sabuncu moved a motion for Approval of 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar. Ms. He seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

DISCUSSION

D1. Nomination to the board.

- Ms. Sharon presented Mr. Guz as a potential nominee for the board. The board was presented with Mr. Guz's resume and he was present for any questions. The board discussed other potential candidates for the board. The board also discussed amending the by-laws in the future to add more members. There was discussion about the need for representation of all counties served by Discovery Services Inc. Dr. Akin expressed concerns about board diversity and wanted to seek the advice of the bond counsel. The board agreed to this and decided to bring the matter to a vote at a later meeting.

D2. Discussion of emails sent to board.

- There were some emails sent to the board expressing concern about the incident involving Mr. Yalcin and Dr. Akin's role in the matter. There was also an email expressing concern about relationship between board member Mr. Sabuncu and Mr. Aksu.
- Mr. Sabuncu began the discussion by reviewing the court documents relating to Mr. Yalcin's case. He expressed concern about everyone's role and culpability in reporting the facts in the case. School board attorney, Shawn Arnold was available via zoom to answer questions about the laws surrounding the case. Ms. Sharon noted that the open door policy must not be adequate if there was a need to send anonymous messages to the board. Mr. Shawn Arnold suggested we do a review of the policy and see if it needs re-working. Mr. Fortna expressed that he voted against this discussion item, because he believed it should be moved to the next meeting later in the week and this meeting had a full agenda. After a long review of Mr. Yalcin's case, the board agreed to continue these discussions at a later meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

ED. 01 OSS HS Renovation Project

ED.02 2021-22 school year recap

- Due to the length of discussion portion of the meeting, Dr. Akin decided to discuss updates at next meeting.

18. Closure of the meeting

Mr. Fortna moved the motion for closure of the meeting. Ms. Sharon seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.**

Mr. David Fortna

Mr. Ibrahim Sabuncu

Ms. Sharon Akdeniz

Ms. Juanhua He