

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

Friday, October 11, 2024

5:30 PM

at Orlando Science Elementary School

Schools:

Orlando Science Middle/High School
Orlando Science Elementary School
Orlando Science Charter School K-8
Seminole Science Charter School
Osceola Science Charter School

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda Items
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 08/22/2024 and 08/28/2024
4. Principal's Report
5. Public Remarks

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items (A01 through A12)

A01. Request Approval of the 2023-24 Final Budgets of OSS, OSES, SSCS, and OSCS

A02. Request Approval of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Audit Reports of OSS, OSES, SSCS, and OSCS

A03. Request Approval of Renewing Charter Educational Service & Resources Contracts – Connect Accounts of OSS, OSES, SSCS, and OSCS

A04. Request Approval of 2024-25 School Year Out-of-Field Teachers of Orlando Science Middle-High Charter School (480089):

Grabek, Stephen (ESOL), Tomko, Laura (ESOL), Heaney, Tiffany (ESOL), Whitfield, Stephen (Engineering), Taylor-Jenkins, Emrys (Computer Science), Huntley, Austin (ESOL), Mitchell, Lisa (Math 5-9), Martinez, Joseph (Health K-12)

A05. Request Approval of 2024-25 School Year Out-of-Field Teachers of Orlando Science Elementary Charter School (480200):

Lamour, Vancol (ESOL), Layher, Melissa (ESOL), McGraw, Kaylin (ESOL), Nickerson, Lauren (ESOL), Patel, Krena (ESOL), Patsilevas, Caitlin (ESOL), Ramphal, Racquel (ESOL), Vancol, Leigh Anne (ESOL), Wesemann, Terri (ESOL)

A06. Request Approval of 2024-25 School Year Out-of-Field Teachers of Seminole Science Charter School (599236):

Ashley Duve (ESOL), Valerie Mercier (ESOL), Susan McLemore (GIFTED), Amanda Foster (GIFTED), Megan Dawes (GIFTED), Kirstin Soper (ESOL), Jesse Smith (READING/GIFTED), Brooke Davis (GIFTED), Jillian Jordan (ESOL), Lydia McAra (ESOL), Valerie Collins (GIFTED)

A07. Request Approval of 2024-25 School Year Out-of-Field Teachers of Osceola Science Charter School (490181):

Acero, Marvin (ESOL), Acharya, Pooja (ESOL), Avin-Christian, Ashley (ESOL), Baritogo, Ma. Vanessa (ESOL), Barnes, Hubert (Elementary), Baughman, Jennifer Leah Ann (ESOL), Cenita, Maria Jessamae (ESOL), Cherelus, Daphney (ESOL), Cimen, Emine (ESOL, Elementary), Djeddour, Ryma (ESOL), Durham, Veery (ESOL), Eltanal, Jenilee Miranda (ESOL), Fenton, Katie (ESOL), Forrester, Tasha (ESOL), Francois-Lormeus, Farah (ESOL, Elementary), Fuentes, Raquel (ESOL), Gandy, Jacob (ESOL), Gonzalez, Yeilisse (ESOL), Harrison, Cierra (ESOL), Haughton, Patricia (ESOL), Hopkins, Kari (ESOL), Kafati, Carolina (ESOL), Machado, Miriam (ESOL, Elementary), Manon, Jazmin (ESOL), Parker, Deborah (ESOL), Poniros, Mark, (ESOL, Elementary), Quinones, Jasmine (ESOL), Rivera Azpurua, Yahaira (ESOL), Ruddock, Nefretitti (ESOL), Saint Pierre, Samantha (ESOL, Elementary), Singh, Karishma (ESOL), Sousa, Patricia (ESOL), Taylor, Sandra (ESOL), Velez Gonzalez, Mildred (ESOL), Velez Perez, Paulette (ESOL), Walter, Tanya (ESOL), Williams, Zykia (ESOL)

A08. Request Approval of 2024-25 School Year Out-of-Field Teachers of Orlando Science Charter School K-8 (480103)

Cartagena, Valeria (ESOL), Christie, Arielle (ESOL), Clarke, Luiza (ESOL), Forte, Shantonie (ESOL), Gano, Jennifer (ESOL), Hoyle, Ashley (ESOL), Hren, Jenna (ESOL), Maze, Alexis (ESOL), Ortiz, Ingrid (ESOL), Richards, Michelle-Ann (ESOL/K-6)

A09. Request Approval of the 2024-25 School Year Teacher Salary Allocation Plans of OSS, OSES, OSEC, SSCS, and OSCS

A10. Request Approval of the School Improvement Plan of Osceola Science Charter School

A11. Request Approval of Resolution Relating to Membership into the FRS for Orlando Science Charter School K-8 (48-0103)

A12. Request Approval of required CSP grant related policies for Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- i- Procurement Policy
- ii- Enrollment Policy
- iii- Conflict of Interest Policy
- iv- Segregation of Financial Duties Policy
- v- Inventory Control Policy

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D01. Service Provider Agreement

D02. Review of Discovery Education Services By-Laws

INFORMATION

- I 01. Seminole Science Charter School Campus Development
- I 02. Board Members Remarks

A13. Closure of the Meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

Board Members Mr. Fortna and Mr. Sabuncu attended in person, and Dr. Yuksel attended online. Dr. Brindala and Mr. Colak were absent.

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Items

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 08/22/2024 and 08/28/2024

- Mr. Sabuncu moved to approve the meeting minutes of 08/22/2024 with the presented revisions. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Mr. Sabuncu moved to approve the meeting minutes of 08/28/2024 with the presented revisions. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Principal's Report

- No principal report was presented.

5. Public Remarks

- No public remarks were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items (A01 through A12)

- Mr. Fortna read all the consent agenda items A01 through A12.
- Mr. Sabuncu moved to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D01. Service Provider Agreement

- Dr. Akin provided the board with an update on the progress of the service provider. He reported that all employees of the service provider are performing their duties as expected and are effectively addressing the needs of the campuses. Their continued efforts ensure that operations run smoothly, and campus requirements are met promptly.
- The board and the service provider agreed to continue working on an addendum to the agreement. The Board Attorney summarized the main discussion points, such as reducing the fee from 8.5% to 6.5%, not requiring an open book clause, and implementing a performance-based evaluation of the service provider.
- Mr. Arnold will work with Dr. Akin, Mr. Wood, and Dr. Brindala to finalize the first addendum/amendment to the Service Provider Agreement to be presented at the next board meeting.

D02. Review of Discovery Education Services By-Laws

- Dr. Yuksel recommended revising the By-Laws and mentioned examples such as expanding the board. Board Attorney Mr. Arnold reviewed the By-Laws and briefly mentioned areas for consideration in the revision. He stated that a draft was sent and offered to focus on the subject according to the board's timeline.
- Mr. Fortna also emphasized the need for a revision and discussed the process.

INFORMATION

I01. Seminole Science Charter School Campus Development

- Dr. Akin provided the board with an update on the Seminole Science Charter School campus development project. He outlined the upcoming approval process and schedule, noting that the developer has adjusted the timeline to align with the approval process and progress made thus far. The construction period is projected to span 12 months, with the campus expected to be ready for the 2026-27 school year.
- Mr. Fortna inquired about accommodating 9th graders who wish to remain at Seminole Science Charter School in the 2025-26 school year and transition as 10th graders to the new campus. In response, the leadership team, including Mr. Aksu and Mr. Demir, reviewed the master schedule and building plan to ensure the current building can accommodate the incoming 9th graders.
- The campus leadership team will finalize the high school curriculum guide and distribute a survey to 8th-grade students to gauge their interest in remaining at Seminole Science Charter School for the high school program.

I02. Board Members Remarks

- Dr. Yuksel made the following suggestions: i. the board meetings be recorded, at least with audio recording; ii. sharing the governing board meeting calendar with parents via email, or posting the meeting notice on social media; and iii. expanding the board size.
- Mr. Sabuncu stated that if recording were not a statutory requirement, he would not support the idea.
- Mr. Fortna also suggested linking the board meeting calendar to weekly newsletters in the parent resource page.

A13. Closure of the Meeting

- Mr. Sabuncu moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.