

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:30 PM

at Seminole science Charter 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 10.03.2024, 10.11.2024, and 11.12.2024
4. Principal's Report
5. Public Remarks
6. Board Member Remarks

ACTION ITEMS

A01. Request Approval to Amend Inventory Control Policy of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

A02. Request Approval of School Recognition Funds Distribution Plans of OSS, OSCS, SSCS and OSES

A03. School Uniform Policy with Review of Survey Results

A04. Finalization of Interim CEO position description and offer for start date of Dec 6, 2024

A05. Vendor for External Candidate Search to Supplement Internal Candidate Consideration for Permanent CEO (Non-Interim)

A06. Intentional Defiance of Board Guidance by Service Provider

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D01. Growth Projections of Orlando Science Schools System

A07. Closure of the Meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

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

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Items

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10/03/2024, 10/11/2024, and 11/12/2024

- Mr. Sabuncu moved the motion to approve all three meeting minutes. Dr. Brindala seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Principal's Report

- Mr. Aksu reported on first-semester activities at Seminole Science Charter School.

5. Public Remarks

- No public remarks were made.

6. Board Member Remarks

- Dr. Brindala suggested being proactive in filling Dr. Yuksel's board seat, which will become available on May 30, 2025.
- Dr. Yuksel inquired about the process for replacing a board member.
- Mr. Fortna explained the process previously used for board member replacements.

ACTION ITEMS

A01. Request Approval to Amend Inventory Control Policy of Orlando Science Charter School K-8

- Dr. Brindala moved to approve the motion. Mr. Sabuncu seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A02. Request Approval of School Recognition Funds Distribution Plans of OSS, OSCS, SSCS, and OSES

- After some suggestions for the upcoming year's distribution plan, Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval. Mr. Sabuncu seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A03. School Uniform Policy with Review of Survey Results

- The survey results were reviewed and discussed by the board members.
- Board Member Mr. Colak joined the meeting online discussion.
- Mr. Aksu emphasized the importance of maintaining the current uniform requirements. Dr. Brindala presented the benefits and detriments of removing the belt and tuck-in shirt requirements from the uniform policy. Dr. Brindala moved a motion to remove belt and tuck-in shirt requirements from the Uniform Policy. There was no second to the motion.

- Dr. Brindala made a motion to remove the belt requirement from the Uniform Policy. There was no second to the motion, and the board moved to the next item.

A04. Finalization of Interim CEO Position Description and Offer for Start Date of Dec 6, 2024

- The board attorney reflected on the draft contract to finalize it during the meeting. Board Members discussed and revised the contract. Mr. Colak left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
- After the contract was finalized, Dr. Brindala moved to approve the revised contract. Dr. Yuksel seconded the motion. Dr. Brindala, Dr. Yuksel, and Mr. Sabuncu voted YES. Mr. Fortna voted NO. The motion passed with a majority vote.

A05. Vendor for External Candidate Search to Supplement Internal Candidate Consideration for Permanent CEO (Non-Interim)

- Dr. Brindala moved a motion to engage a vendor for an external candidate search to supplement internal candidate consideration for the permanent (non-interim) CEO position. Mr. Sabuncu opposed the idea, stating that he did not support it. Dr. Yuksel suggested tabling the item for now to observe how the current system functions and commented that conducting an internal search first would be a better approach. There was no second to the motion, and the board moved to the next item.

A06. Intentional Defiance of Board Guidance by Service Provider

- Dr. Brindala withdrew the item. No motion was made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D01. Growth Projections of Orlando Science Schools System

- Growth Projections of Orlando Science Schools System was presented by the service provider. The board discussed the growth projections for the Orlando Science Schools system.

A07. Closure of the Meeting

- Dr. Brindala moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sabuncu seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Fortna reminded everyone that the next scheduled board meeting is on January 30th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.