

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 07, 2023

5:30 PM

at Seminole Science Charter 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 Agenda Items
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10.05.2023
4. Approval of Board Workshop Minutes of 10.21.2023
5. Approval of Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of 10.25.2023
6. Principal's Report
7. Public Remarks

PRESENTATION

P01. Summit Construction Management Group, LLC

ACTION ITEMS

A01. Request Approval to Authorize Executive Director to Sign Purchase Contract of Seminole Vacant Land after finalized by Attorney Jeff Milhausen

A02. Request Approval of the School Improvement Plan of Seminole Science Charter School

A03. Request Approval of Staff Incentives

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

ED01. Orlando Science Charter School K-8

A04. Closure of the Meeting

Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:

The Board Chair, Mr. Fortna, Dr. Brindala and Mr. Colak attended in person. Board member Dr. Yuksel dialed in. Mr. Sabuncu was absent.

1. Call to Order:

- Mr. Fortna called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Items:

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10.05.2023:

- Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval of meeting minutes of 10.05.2023. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Board Workshop Minutes of 10.21.2023:

- Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval of board workshop minutes of 10.21.2023. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Investment Committee Meeting Minutes – 10.25.2023:

- Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval of investment committee meeting minutes of 10.25.2023. Dr. Yuksel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Principal's Report:

- Principal Aksu updated the board using a PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Yuksel asked about Seminole Science Charter School's historical ranking by US News and World Report.

7. Public Remarks:

- No public remarks were made.

PRESENTATION

• P01. Summit Construction Management Group, LLC:

- Summit Construction Management Group, LLC team members presented information about their company, including its history and experience with designing and building charter school campuses. They showcased a few examples, provided renderings, and shared their vision for the site plan of Seminole Science Charter School's future campus. The board engaged in discussions and raised questions. Additionally, the board discussed the possibility of expanding the shortlist of qualified developers. Dr. Akin confirmed that he would be working on it. Board members also asked the board attorney about bidding requirements when selecting a developer. Mr. Arnold reviewed the Florida Statute for charter schools and recommended checking the school's internal financial policies as well.

ACTION ITEMS

• A01. Request Approval to Authorize Executive Director to Sign Purchase Contract of Seminole Vacant Land after finalized by Attorney Jeff Milhausen:

- Discussion ensued regarding the purchase contract of Seminole Vacant Land. A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to sign the purchase contract after finalization by Attorney Jeff

Milhausen. Dr. Brindala moved the motion for approval, seconded by Dr. Yuksel. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **A02. Request Approval of the School Improvement Plan of Seminole Science Charter School:**

- The School Improvement Plan for Seminole Science Charter School was presented. After discussion, a motion to approve the plan was made by Dr. Brindala, seconded by Mr. Colak. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **A03. Request Approval of Staff Incentives:**

- Details of the proposed staff incentives were presented. A motion to approve the staff incentives was made by Dr. Yuksel, seconded by Dr. Brindala. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

- The opening of Orlando Science Charter School K-8 is making notable progress. Online applications for student enrollment are increasing significantly. It is projected that there will be a lottery in the first year of operation. The team has also begun the hiring of teachers and plans to hold a virtual job fair in February 2024.
- **A04. Closure of the Meeting:**
 - Dr. Brindala moved to approve the motion, Dr. Yuksel seconded it, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

David Fortna, Board Chair

Date: _____