

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.,  
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2024  
5:30 PM  
at Osceola 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

Dr. Yuksel suggested to add an agenda item on Board Members Requests and the agenda was updated accordingly.

3. Public Remarks

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda Items**

- A01. Request Approval of School Districts Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan
- A02. Request Approval of Safe School Officer Contracts
- A03. Request Approval to Opt-In to School District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
- A04. Request Approval of Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
- A05. Request Approval to Opt-In to School District Title II Plan
- A06. Request Approval of Orlando Science Charter School K-8 (OSEC) Wellness Policy
- A07. Request Approval of Food Service Management Contract

**Non-Consent Items**

- A08. Request Approval of Parking Lot Improvement Proposal

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- D1. Discussion of Public Announcement of Service Provider Agreement
- D2. Discussion of Service Provider Agreement
- A09. Closure of the Meeting

**Items Discussed and Voted by Governing Board Members:**

The Board Members Mr. Fortna and Dr. Yuksel attended in person, while Mr. Colak dialed in. Dr. Brindala 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. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Public Remarks**

- No public remarks were made.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda Items**

- Mr. Fortna read all of the items before a motion was made, and Dr. Akin briefed the board about the consent items.

**A01. Request Approval of School Districts Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan**

- SCS had adopted Seminole County Public Schools' Reading Plan.

**A02. Request Approval of Safe School Officer Contracts**

- OSS, OSES, OSEC Safe School Officer Agreement with EGPS, and SCS SRO Agreement with Seminole County Sheriff were presented.

**A03. Request Approval to Opt-In to School District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan**

- OSS, SCS, and OSCS Opt-In to their School District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan.

**A04. Request Approval of Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan**

- OSES and OSEC presented Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plans.

**A05. Request Approval to Opt-In to School District Title II Plan**

- OSCS Opted-In to the district Title II Plan.

**A06. Request Approval of Orlando Science Charter School K-8 (OSEC) Wellness Policy**

- OSEC's Wellness Policy was presented.

**A07. Request Approval of Food Service Management Contract**

- Dr. Akin briefed the board on the bidding and bid rating process. The highest-rated proposal and bidding process were shared with FDACS for their approval.
- Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for the approval of consent agenda items. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Non-Consent Items**

**A08. Request Approval of Parking Lot Improvement Proposal**

- Dr. Akin explained the need for the work to be completed at the Technology Campus, specifically behind the B1 and B2 parking lots, reviewed the three bids obtained, and recommended approval of DMI’s bid. Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for the approval of consent agenda items. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Dr. Yuksel suggested discussing D2 before D1.

**D1. Discussion of Public Announcement of Service Provider Agreement**

**D2. Discussion of Service Provider Agreement**

- Item D2 was discussed during the special meeting. Dr. Yuksel expressed his concerns about some parts of the agreement, related to the ownership of the service provider, Discovery Science Schools, LLC. He expressed his concerns about potential conflicts that may arise due to ownership of the service provider. Dr. Akin suggested establishing a committee to discuss the details. Dr. Yuksel and Mr. Colak expressed interest in being on the committee. Dr. Yuksel also mentioned that the Board Chair should be included in the committee. Therefore, setting up a workshop was decided as the next step.

**D3. Board Members Requests**

- Dr. Yuksel requested meeting materials to be available at least one week before the meetings. He also requested training for board members. He suggested to revise the bylaws of the Board and to elect new officers for the Board.

**A09. Closure of the Meeting**

- Dr. Yuksel moved the motion for approval. Mr. Colak seconded. The motion was approved unanimously at 6:52 p.m.

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David Fortna, Board Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_