

Discovery Academy of Science  
VIRTUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
June 13, 2020 Minutes  
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698  
Saturday, 9:00 am

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Approval of 04/11/2020 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks
- 6- North campus renovation - Additional classroom at the south wing.  
Architectural plans approved by the City  
Approval of the GC Contract  
Effect of COVID-19 on the project
- 7- Approval of contract amendment with the School Board of Pinellas County
- 8- Request for approvals Business Contracts  
General Liability Insurance Renewal - budgeted  
Property Insurance Renewal- budgeted  
E-Rate program at DAS with 10% consulting fee with SOLIX
  
- 8- Updates of SBA PPP loan status.  
An informative link  
Approval Notice  
FAQ about forgiveness
- 9- Mr. Akbaba contract for the 2020-21 school year.  
The current contract expires on July 30
- 10- Approval of Pinellas District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
  
- 11- Review of Finances  
Recent financial reports. Ending May 2020  
Budget amendment for Fy 2020-21.  
Potential economical impacts of COVID-19 on DAS Budget-discussion item no link  
Approval of American Express Line of Credit, see statements  
Latest Financial Reports ending April 2020
- 12- Closure of the meeting Saturday, September 5th for the next board meeting tentatively.

Additional Information  
Discovery Academy of Science  
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Derya Yildirim

Agron Elmazi

Fatih Demir

Fethullah Caliskan

Issues/ Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Fatih Demir
2. Approval of agenda items  
Motion: Approve agenda items Mr. Demir

Second: Mr. Elmazi  
Vote: yes-4  
No-0

3. Approval of last board meeting minutes

Motion Approval of the December 14, 2019 board meeting minutes Mr. Demir  
Second Dr. Caliskan  
Vote Yes-4  
No-0  
Vote Yes-4  
No-0

4. Principal remarks: Mr. Akbaba updated board members about the following items.  
Mr. Akbaba gave updates were as below.

- E-Learning updates
  - o Went very well. We had more than 98% participation
  - o Virtual graduation ceremonies
  - o MTSS, ESE, 504, IEP services continued- Full array of services provided with fidelity
  - o All faculty and staff are supported technology-wise. Teachers were able to check out classroom computers to their homes to work on E-Learning planning. Mr. Akbaba shipped document cameras and printer cartridges for some teachers and administrators who need to have access.
- EELP-Extended E-Learning Program at DAS
  - o June 6th to July 16th
  - o Mon-Thu 9-11:30 am
- Summer planning
  - o North campus room relocations
  - o Regular quarterly meetings update with St. Mark Church Council
- Reopening of school
  - o Parents informed with short notice and a plan to be announced once available.

5. Public remarks- no public remarks were made in this session. public asked to email principal Akbaba for public comments to be read during the virtual board meeting.

6. North campus renovation - Additional classroom at the south wing.  
due to increased 5th-grade student enrollment for the 2020-21 school year, DAS asked St. Mark Council for additional space. The church did not lease any additional space. Mr. Akbaba presented the ideas of merging offices and a classroom space into a large 5th-grade classroom. Architect Robert Resch prepared a draft plan for review. Mr. Akbaba will get the plans prepared including mechanical and electrical drawings and will start looking for a contractor. Mr. Akbaba will consider the restrictions from COVID-19 and market unavailability for construction..  
A construction proposal from Accu-Green is discussed. The two other general contractors, LJ Suplicki and BlueOcean construction were not able to bid on the project due to a very short timeline and COVID-19 closures. School worked with LJSuplicki LLC last year on the postable administration building construction. At the moment there is only one contractor bidding the project.

7. Approval of contract amendment with the School Board of Pinellas County

Mr. Demir updated the board members about the virtual board meeting in April 28. There were no discussions about the content of the agenda item during the Pinellas County School board meeting. only one board member asked when would the DAS high school would open. Mr. Wolfe responded that for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion: Approve the agenda item-7 Mr. Caliskan

Second: Mr. Demir  
Vote: yes-4  
No-0

8. Request for approvals Business Contracts: Mr. Akbaba presented the contract listed in the agenda item. DAS continues to work with the same insurance carriers, for the property, general liability, and worker's compensation.

Due to building purchase fails in winter, Mr. Akbaba presented the idea of upgrading school network infrastructure to support students accessing digital technology. Mr. Akbaba researched E-Rate program. IT system and School network will be upgraded by using E-rate funds so students have faster access to the internet and digital curriculum. The existing network infrastructure is very old over 18 years and have multiple patches since DAS moved in.

Motion: Approve the agenda item-8 Mr. Demir  
Second: Dr. Yildirim  
Vote: yes-4  
No-0

9. Principal Akbaba contract for 2020-21 school year. Board members reviewed the existing contract. Dr. Caliskan recommended giving an average salary to Mr. Akbaba based on the schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough that are similar to DAS regarding enrollment and achievement.

10. Approval of Pinellas District Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan

Board members reviewed the request from Mr. Akbaba about participating in the district plan. Principal Akbaba mentioned that DAS has been participating in the district plan and it is more effective to implement a mental health plan. Dr. Caliskan asked about the status of a counselor at the school. Mr. Akbaba said DAS continues to hire a full time licensed mental health counselor for students. Mr. Akbaba mentioned that guidance counselor also helps the school to implement districts mental health plan.

11. Review of Finances

Board members received the financials.

Mr. Akbaba presented the first budget amendment reflecting some of the changes that occurred due to COVID-19. Dr. Caliskan mentioned that Principal Akbaba should seek all possible grant funding opportunities as they become available.

The latest reconciled financial reports were discussed April 2020. DAS is planning to have positive fund balance ending the fiscal year 2020.

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Board Members

Fatih Demir, Derya Yildirim, Fethullah Caliskan, Agron Elmazi