

THE DELTA ACADEMY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 7, 2017  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89030

Present:

Cynthia Jones  
Jay Hopkins  
Jessica Saylor  
Christine Simon

Guests:

Dr. Kyle Konold  
Bruce Congleton

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - a. Meeting called to order by Ms. Saylor
  - b. A quorum was declared
2. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2017
  - a. Motion made by Cynthia Jones
  - b. Seconded by Jay Hopkins
  - c. Passed unanimously
3. Election of new board member
  - a. Dr. Konold introduced Ms. Christine Simon to the board. Ms. Simon is a licensed teacher who has worked in the field for 18 years. She currently teaches second grade at Somerset Academy, which is a state-sponsored charter school. She is very familiar with education and charter schools in Nevada. Dr. Konold would like to recommend her as a board member.
    - i. Motion to elect Ms. Christine Simon as a new board member made by Cynthia Jones
    - ii. Seconded by Jay Hopkins
    - iii. Passed unanimously
4. Third party CPA Audit
  - a. Board members received a copy of the audited financials. Dr. Konold explained that the audited numbers look much worse than they are due to the requirement that Delta must show the school's GASB liability, in case PERS were to go bankrupt.
  - b. Dr. Konold states that the school spent \$30,000 over the budgeted amount, but ended the 2016-17 school year with a positive \$70,000. This was, in part, due to the Nevada Department of Ed disallowing 34 students after they completed an enrollment audit.
  - c. Approval of CPA Audit FY17
    - i. Motion made by Cynthia Jones
    - ii. Seconded by Christine Simon
    - iii. Passed unanimously

5. Amendment to FY18 Final Budget
  - a. Dr. Konold supplied everyone a copy of The Delta Academy's FY18 Final Budget. He explained that the amended budget included additional revenue from Senate Bill 178 and from an NDE grant award. The combined increase in revenue was close to \$300,000. The budget shows an end of the year surplus of \$60,000.
  - b. Dr. Konold told the board that the budget was based on the same enrollment figures as was seen in FY17. An increase in enrollment over the previous year will result in a larger surplus at the end of the year.
  - c. Approval of CPA Audit FY17
    - i. Motion made by Jay Hopkins
    - ii. Seconded by Cynthia Jones
    - iii. Passed unanimously
  
6. Delta's Nevada School Performance Framework
  - a. Dr. Konold reviewed the new criteria to measure school success. He stated that NDE is not assigning a star rating to any schools this year, but allowed schools to see how they would have been rated. Dr. Konold stated that the last time Delta was rated the middle school performed in the lowest 5% of the state and earned a 1 star. The high school earned a 2 star. If NDE had assigned a star rating to schools this year, both the middle school and the high school would have earned a 2 star. The middle school has made tremendous gains over the past few years and continues to improve. The largest hurdle faced by the high school is our low graduation rate. We have seen increases every year going from 16% two years ago to 30% this past year. Despite the gains, Delta is still far below the state standard of 60%. Dr. Konold reported that the school administration would focus on improving the rate to meet or exceed the state standard in three years.
  
7. Administrator's Report
  - a. Mr. Congleton addressed the board saying that school continues run smoothly. Students and staff seem to be happy and engaged in active learning. The teachers continue to show strong collaboration skills during PLC Wednesdays.
  
8. Public comment and discussion
  - a. There was no public comment or discussion.
  
9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn made by Jay Hopkins
  - b. Seconded by Cynthia Jones
  - c. Meeting Adjourned