

THE DELTA ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016
LAS VEGAS, NV 89030

Present:

Maurice Flores
Jay Hopkins
Mark Nelson
Cynthia Jones

Absent:

Larry Mason

Guests:

Kyle Konold
Bruce Congleton
Jesse Fox

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order by Mark Nelson
 - b. A quorum was declared.

2. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2016
 - a. Motion made by Jay Hopkins
 - b. Seconded by Cynthia Jones
 - c. Passed unanimously

3. CPA Audit FY16
 - a. Board members received a copy of the budget. Dr. Konold explained that after the audit, the budget is required to show the school's GASB liability, in case PERS were to go bankrupt.
 - b. Dr. Konold states that the school ended the 2015-16 school year with a positive \$100,000. Dr. Flores asked if the school was able to give bonuses to the teachers after the budget cut that was taken in December 2015. Dr. Konold said that they were able to give back unpaid sick leave and make up the teachers' funds. They also received grants for teachers to work extra hours and to offer free summer school to over 300 students, representing over 30 schools throughout the Las Vegas Valley.
 - c. Mark Nelson asked if the auditors would accept the budget with the PERS liability number. Dr. Konold answered yes because PERS is insured by the federal government.
 - d. Dr. Flores asked if Dr. Konold was sure that every nickel and dime was accounted for and Dr. Konold assured him yes. Dr. Flores hopes that there is growth in the budget for raises next year.
 - e. Approval of CPA Audit FY16
 - i. Motion made by Dr. Flores
 - ii. Seconded by Jay Hopkins
 - iii. Passed unanimously

4. Revised Budget FY17
 - a. Board members are shown on the budget the line item of over \$1,000,000 that includes rent and all professional purchases, including a detailed breakdown of where it is all going.
 - b. Revenue is 4.1 million including state and federal grants that were received totaling \$700,000. The Delta Academy has seen an increase in student enrollment and have been able to add teacher hours. Student population is 471 and the average daily attendance is more than last year.
 - c. Dr. Flores asked if the possibility of moving to another location was still being discussed and Bruce Congleton replied that they are not pursuing that at this time. The school has been able to provide PE outside for the day school students and an increase in rent, due to any addition that Eric Scholer might want, is not affordable.
 - d. It was asked if money was being used for technology for the school. Dr. Konold replied that every classroom has a projection smart board, over a hundred new laptops and desktops were purchased for student use, and there is now four full classroom laptop carts available for classroom use. The school also used Title I funds to stock classroom libraries with over 500 books.
 - e. Mark Nelson brought up recruitment of new students and Dr. Konold states that there is still room for growth for new students.
 - f. Approval of Revised Budget FY17
 - i. Motion made by Jap Hopkins
 - ii. Seconded by Mr. Flores
 - iii. Passed Unanimously.
5. Administrators Report
 - a. Bruce Congleton reports that because he is following the progressive discipline plan, there has been a decrease in behavior issues and so now more focus can be made on academics.
 - b. Dr. Flores asked about next year's graduation rate. Mr. Congleton and Dr. Konold project between 40 and 50 graduates, which is an increase over last year.
 - c. Dr. Flores asked what the school's staff turn-over rate is. Bruce Congleton replied that there is less turn over than other charters and that the staff is happy, especially after implementing the PLC program with all of the teachers.
6. 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature and the Coalition for Equity in Education: Nevada
 - a. Dr. Konold addressed the board that he, along with five other Clark County sponsored charter schools, are hoping to become a unified voice at this upcoming session. Together, they are looking to help the state see the need for a more level playing field for school star ratings. This unified voice of charter schools would also like to see recognition for their improvement of students' attendance, behavior, and progress, rather than strict numbers.
 - b. Dr. Flores liked the idea and thought that more schools for strength in numbers would also help the appeal.
 - c. Motion for approval for The Delta Academy to formally join the coalition
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Flores
 - ii. Seconded by Jay Hopkins
 - iii. Passed unanimously

7. Public Comment and Discussion
 - a. No comment or discussion

8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion made by Jay Hopkins
 - b. Seconded by Cynthia Jones
 - c. Passed unanimously