



Dehesa Charter School

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Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes Dehesa Charter School Monday January 19, 2009 6:00 PM

FINAL

A. Call To Order

6:18

A regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2009, at the Dehesa Charter School Administrative Office. President Jatón was in the chair and the Office Manager, Patricia Dazet, was present to take minutes. Attendees included the following:

Voting Board Members-

Joel Jatón, Board President
Teri House, Board Vice President
Jeff Royal, District Representative
Jeff Linam, Board Member

Non-voting Members-

Terri Novacek, School Director
Patricia Dazet, Office Manager
Peter Laub, EdTec

Dehesa Charter School Staff Members-

Roland Yung, Asst. Director of Academic Planning

Guests-

Deborah Tumlinson
Douglas Tumlinson
Elisabeth Tumlinson

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No Public Comment was made.

B. Closed Session

6:08

The regular meeting moved into Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.

C. Report from Closed Session

7:25

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:25 p.m. and a quorum was established. The Board approved the parent request for students to remain in the program with conditions outlined in a letter that will be sent to the parents.

Approval of Agenda

7:26

Ms. Novacek requested the following items be added to the agenda:

Presentation of ACE; discussion to set a Special Meeting date.

Mr. Jatón suggested the Special Meeting to be added as item H. 2 and ACE to be added as Item I. 2. Mr. Royal motioned to approve these additions to the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Linam and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

D. Public Comment

7:31

Mr. Jatón called for Public Comment. Mr. Royal requested clarification on the revisions to the auditor's report. Mr. Laub reported that the revisions were due to a formatting error and this error did not change the data from the original report.

E. Finance Report

7:33

Mr. Laub reviewed the financial presentation and informed the Board that the State may enact retroactive cutting of the HP Grant money. Mr. Laub suggested that the Board prepare for the State budget cuts by freezing the H.P. Grant money already received and continuing to save in EU's.

F. Routine Action Items

8:07

Mr. Jatón remarked that the 12/15/08 minutes draft was incorrectly labeled as a final copy and should be changed. It was suggested that Item H. 4 Technology Plan be corrected to read as follows: "*Ms. House motioned to approve*

the Technology Plan for 2009-2012; Mr. Linam seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous”.

Ms. House motioned to approve the Minutes with changes and the check run. Mr. Royal seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

I. Discussion Items

8:14

Item I. 2 - ACE was moved up on the agenda to accommodate Mr. Laub’s schedule. Ms. Novacek proposed a new program, ACE (Academy of Classical Education), be added to DCS and would begin on 2/23/09. Mr. Laub then presented the feasibility of this program and how it would impact the 2008-'09 budget.

The Board granted permission to Ms. Novacek to begin the enrollment paperwork and tabled further discussion until the Special Meeting date.

G. Director’s Report

8:31

Enrollment

8:31

Ms. Novacek reported the current enrollment at 679 students and informed the Board that DCS had 13 graduates in January.

Academic Planning Update

8:32

Mr. Yung reported test preparation materials were distributed to EFs last Friday and would be given to parents this week (Parent Meeting Week).

Mr. Yung informed the Board that the State required Fitness Test would be administered to grades 5, 7, and 9 during the period of February 2nd through May 31st.

Student Services Update

8:36

Ms. Novacek gave the report as Ms. Ewing was not in attendance. Ms. Novacek informed the Board of the Mock Trails and Robotics Competition dates; and updated registrant numbers for the Catalina and Washington DC trips. Ms. Novacek announced that DCS was recently certified to award the President’s Volunteer Service Award to students.

Development Update

8:40

Ms. Novacek informed the Board that Ms. Desmarais was in a meeting with Qualcomm representatives assisting her with acquiring sponsorships for the tournament. Ms. Novacek reviewed the fundraiser packet Ms. Desmarais prepared for Board members and mentioned the recent news articles on DCS.

Conference Report

8:42

Ms. Novacek talked briefly about the upcoming APLUS Regional Meeting and workshop to be held at the DCS administrative offices on January 29th.

H. New Action Items

8:44

WASC

8:44

Ms. Novacek presented her rough draft for the WASC Committee and informed the Board that the final report would be available for their review at the Special Meeting to be scheduled.

Special Meeting

8:49

It was agreed upon by the Board that the Special Meeting would be scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6 p.m.

I. Discussion Items

8:53

Agenda Items for the Special Meeting

ACE

WASC Report

Litigation Update

Adjournment

9:23

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Jatton at 8:54 p.m.

NEXT GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING:

Monday, February 2, 2009 at the DCS Administrative Office

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Open Session: 6:45 p.m.

