

**New Dimensions High School
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
January 29, 2020**

Members Present:

Keith Laytham
Christina Cafiero
Jacqueline Grimm
Theresa Barrett
Ryan Adams
Lynn Sparrock
Wendy Farrell
Jany Seibane
Leroy Simms

Absent: All Present

Guest: Carla Myrie, Nick Blaser, BB&T, Sylvia Kern

Called to Order: Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 8:06 am

Public Comments: None

Approval of Prior Minutes: Motion made by W. Farrell, Seconded by L. Sparrock, motion carried, minutes approved.

Compliance Training: Dr. Grimm gave update on the compliance training for Board of Directors. All members were given date for the renewal. Those needing updating were Mr. Adams, Mrs. Seibane, Mr. Latham. Dr. Grimm indicated that she would send them a link to renew their training certification.

School Banking Relationship Overview: Mr. Nick Blaser, BB&T Market President provided the Board a historical overview of the school's relationship with the BB&T. Nick explained to the board the various accounts the school has with various banks. He also reviewed with the Board the Covenants tied to our loans. These must be met annually. A 1.1:1 Debt services ratio is required. There is a fee if an organization violates the covenants. Our covenants were violated during the 2017 and 2018 school years to do the extenuating circumstances of the Mold Damage in 2017 and the unexpected SRO and transportation expenses in 2018. Since these were extenuating circumstances, BB&T waived the fee. Nick will continue to work with the school. He shared that NDHS is financially sound and in good shape.

Food Service: It was shared with the board that we will be watching the District's food service department over the next year or so as they have already alerted Charter Schools that they will

not provide food service to any new charter schools. Currently we have been by the Food Service Department, they will continue to provide services for the 2020-2021 school year to existing charters.

New Staff: Mr. Josh Lower was hired as a Geometry Teacher and Euripides Rodriguez as a Chemistry Teacher.

Spectrum Closed Account Issue: Dr. Grimm updated the board on the Spectrum Closed Account situation. Spectrum continues to bill for a closed account citing that we violated their contract. However, the school contends there was no contract violation. J. Seibane, Esp. was asked if she could review the situation, documents from the account, and draft a letter to get some kind of resolution. She said that she would.

Threat Assessment: Dr. Grimm and Dr. Cafiero shared with the Board of a threat situation that occurred just prior to the Christmas Break. The school and law enforcement spent the break investigating the situation and found it to be transient and not potentially threatening to NDHS students or staff. The board was informed of the precautions being taken in overseeing the student's behavior going forward.

Administration Transition: The Directors informed the Board of their impending retirement at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The Directors then introduced the new Directors to step in for the 2020-2021 school year: Dr. Sylvia Kern, Director of Operations, and Mrs. Theresa Barrett – Director of Instruction. A plan for a smooth transition through the beginning months of the school year will be put in place. The current directors will also work throughout the Fall to take care of the school's charter renewal process. More information on the transition will be provided at the next board meeting.

A motion was made to accept the Dr. Kern as Director of Operations by K. Laytham, 2nd by W. Farrell, and a motion was made to accept Theresa Barrett as Director of Instruction by W. Farrell, 2nd K. Laytham. Both motions passed unanimously.

Open Issues: Mrs. Barrett informed the board of a Retirement Party May 15, 2020 – Solivita's The Palms, 5-7 PM.

Adjourned: 8:29 am Motion to adjourn, C. Myrie, 2nd by L. Simms. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: April 29, 2020. NDHS at 7:30 am.