

# **NEW DIMENSIONS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (ZOOM) MINUTES**

**Date:** October 28, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 am

**Facilitator:** Ryan Adams, Board Chair

## **In Attendance**

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

Guest -Tom Schopp – Independent Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Adams at 7:34 am

## **Public Comments - none**

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by K. Laytham, Seconded by L. Sparrock - motion carried, minutes approved.

## **Annual Financial Audit**

Tom Schopp, representing the Auditing Company that provides our annual independent audit, presented to the board that NDHS is again a financially strong and stable entity. It was a very clean audit with smooth internal procedures in place, strong bookkeeping, and that there were no auditor recommendations for the year. NDHS continues to be in a strong financial position with adequate cash reserves. No questions were posed by the board.

## **Out of Field Teachers**

The administration reported that there are no out of field teachers at this time.

## **School Report Card**

Mrs. Barrett reported that currently there are 79 students that are receiving instruction on campus. The current school enrollment is 460 students, which is 17 under projection. This is a direct result of the pandemic as families are moving from the area. The School Improvement Plan Goals, Progress Monitoring Data, and 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Teacher Climate Survey was shared with the Board.

Dr. Kern reviewed the schools' budget with the Board and noted some line item adjustments. A part time custodian was hired due to the increase of sanitation required

during the pandemic. In addition, 3 bus drivers were allocated in the budget, and we currently have 1. These changes were adjusted in the budget. A motion was made by Wendy Farrell to approve the adjustments and was seconded by Dr. Grimm. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reflective Visit**

Mrs. Barrett provided an overview of the Osceola School District's Reflective Visit and provided the Board with the reflection notes.

### **Teacher Salary Allocation**

The teacher salary allocation plan has been submitted to the State and we are waiting for approval.

### **Charter Renewal Application**

Dr. Cafiero reported that the renewal application has been submitted to the district and the school is requesting another 15-year contract.

### **Board Secretary Approval**

Dr. Cafiero is stepping down as Board Secretary. It was moved that Theresa Barrett fill the position by Keith Laytham and seconded by Sylvia Kern. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Spectrum Update**

Dr. Kern provided the board with an update from Andrew Doyle, Esquire on the Spectrum account. Dr. Kern will keep the board updated on the advancement of the dispute by email. It is the goal of the school to have this resolved by January, 2021.

### **Open Issues**

Keith Laytham suggested that we enact another Task force to help with the return of all students to brick & mortar schools in January. Mrs. Barrett and Dr. Kern will assemble a team of school and community leaders so we can ensure the safe return of all students and staff.

### **Next Meeting**

January 27, 2021 | 7:30 am

Location: On Campus – Auditorium (per Executive Order 20-246, Gov. DeSantis)

Motion was made by Keith Laytham to adjourn at 10:00, Lynn Sparrock seconded – passed unanimously.