

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

Date: January 27, 2021

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 -Nick Blaser – Truist Banl

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Adams at 7:35 am

Public Comments - none

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by L Sparrock, Seconded by W. Farrel - motion carried, minutes approved.

School Banking Relationship Overview

Mr. Nick Blaser, Market President -Truist Bank provided the Board a historical overview of the school's relationship with BB&T – now Truist. Nick explained to the board the various accounts the school has. He also reviewed the Board the Covenants tied to the school's loans. These must be met annually. Mr. Blaser reviewed the 1.1:1 Debt services ratio requirement and stated that there is a fee if an organization violates the covenants. Mr. Blaser made reference to the covenants that 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 unusual circumstances, BB&T/Truist waived the fee.

Mr. Blaser reviewed the school's PPP Loan and indicated that all documents for loan forgiveness have been submitted by Dr. Grimm. Mr. Blaser will continue his involvement and partnership with school. He shared that NDHS is financially sound and in good shape.

School Report Card

Mrs. Barrett reviewed the Spring Education Plan (an updated plan from the State Re-Opening Plan approved in August by the State of Florida). She outlined the assurances that were contained in the Spring Plan and explained how the school would be meeting the needs of the students. One of the assurances was to provide an innovative learning model that is best

suited for academic success. With that in mind, students who did score a D or F or had problems with attendance (less than 90%) were invited to return to face to face instruction. The school saw an increase in learners in this modality - 93 students in the Fall to 123 students now attending classes on campus in the Spring.

Mrs. Barrett shared progress monitoring and test data with the Board ensuring that the school is currently on target with the goals set forth in the School Improvement Plan. Additionally, Mrs. Barrett shared NDHS's student participation in the Food Distribution Drive Thru Event on January 9th. Dr. Grimm said that a neighbor had reached out to her and had wonderful things to say about the students and staff involved in the project. The Board recognized all the hard work that goes into projects like this and thanked Mr. Timmerman and Mr. Laythem for being so active with the students.

Covid-19 Update

Dr. Kern provided an update on how the school is faring with the pandemic. She stated that weekly we receive notification from parents that students will be out as they have been exposed. Most of the students that have been exposed have been digital students. A few have been on campus, but they all were exposed over school holidays and we did not have to quarantine. 4 staff members have had Covid and the majority of those happened during school break as well.

Staffing/Out of Field Teachers

Dr. Kern reported the number of teachers that we currently have out of field and noted that our PLTW-Biomedical Science teacher resigned. The position is currently posted.

Out of Field Teachers: Angelis Soto (World History), Ed Stephan (Personal & Financial Literacy), Emily Bermudez (Earth Space Science), and Euripides Rodriguez (Earth Space Science). Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Bermudez are out-of-field as they are covering classes for the science position that was vacated. The teachers are using the Edmentum program to deliver instruction in Earth Space Science.

Master Schedule Changes

It was noted that Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Bermudez are teaching 4 periods this semester due to the PLTW teacher vacancy.

Teacher Salary Allocation

The teacher salary allocation monies have been received, salaries have been updated and contracts were issued.

Charter Renewal Update

Mrs. Barrett, Ryan Adams, and Dr. Kern shared some of the highlights from the 4 hour visit on January 7th with Charter Renewal Team. The visit went very well and the team was impressed with the students and teachers as they visited classrooms. The focus of the

renewal teams' questions focused primarily on ELL and ESE services provided to students. Feedback after the visit from Dr. Rafaslki, Charter and Choice Schools, and other members were positive.

Budget Amendments/Grants

Dr. Kern gave a detailed budget update outlining expenditures for each line item. She also went over each grant that the school has been awarded and provided information on materials procured and reimbursement.

Spectrum Update

Dr. Kern provided the board with an update from Andrew Doyle, Esquire on the Spectrum account. Keith Laythem motioned that we permit Mr. Doyle to negotiate for the original amount and if that is it is not accepted that we pay the 19..... with assurance that what we are paying is the total amount of the debt. Lynn Sparrock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gym Floor Replacement

Mr. Adams proposed replacing the Gym floor to a new Mondo floor. He presented a quote from Southern Surfaces and Equipment in the amount of \$111,195.36. Mr. Adams stated that the floor is in need of replacing not repairing at this point due to safety factors. Mr. Simms stated that the new floor would increase the safety of play as it provides a better cushion than what we currently have. It was determined by the Board that this should be included as a line item in the budget for next year and the Board would vote at that time.

Compliance Training: Sylvia Kern confirmed that all Board members are in compliance with training requirements.

Next Meeting

April 28, 2021 | 7:30 am

Location: Zoom

Motion was made by Wendy Farrell to adjourn at 10:01, Sylvia Kern seconded – passed unanimously.