

**Discovery Charter School
1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2020
5:30pm
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Terry McKearney, Vikki Castorena

Members Absent: Morgan Appel

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza, Secretary Sara Roa

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Rochelle Carroll

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: McKearney Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from September 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and September 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Motion: Richison Second: McKearney Vote: MCSU

FULL BOARD TO CLOSED SESSION

IV. Adjourn to Closed Session – Virtual meeting.

President Rochelle Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 5:34

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency Designated Representatives: Neil MacGaffey, Principal

Jim Young, Legal Council

Employee Organization: DCTU

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

V. Reconvene to Open Session – Virtual meeting.

President Rochelle Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 6:16pm

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Carroll reported there is nothing to report and no action was taken.

VI. Fine Arts Program Presentation

Mr. MacGaffey presented a video where students showed their Fine Arts abilities and how they enjoy learning music, art, and robotics.

VII. Public Comment: Persons wishing to address the Board of Directors on any item on the agenda or non-agenda items should do so during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No action or discussion shall be undertaken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes.

A. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda: None

B. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda: None

VIII. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated the fine arts teachers for the excellent job they do with the extra help of support staff. DCS will have another distribution day on Friday, November 20 for 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th grade and another distribution for K-8 on Friday, December 18, 2020. DCS is in the planning to have a drive-through Winter celebration for all students before Winter break.
- COVID-19 data for the last 14 days raised the county to the purple tier. DCS is hoping to reopen before the end of the school year when the county thinks its safe to do so subject to negotiations and agreement between DCS and DCTU.
- Mr. MacGaffey receives daily emails and phone calls from parents and teachers with concerns of the students' welfare. DCS supports families by doing home visits and providing support and resources to help students and parents with the different situations.

IX. DCS Data Report

Mr. MacGaffey presented an extended report on Achieve 3000 and IReady.

X. Board Communication

- Mr. McKeraney appreciates Mr. MacGaffey's data report. Appreciates DCS is working on a plan to safely re-open the school whenever is possible. He also expressed the concern of special education students having a more difficult time during COVID times.
- Mrs. Castorena thanked DCS for the promising data Mr. MacGaffey presented, testing small groups is far more accurate in her prospective. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Dr. Richison is grateful for administration and teachers who work so hard to figure out a safe return of students and how they can test and scale up for students to thrive. Thankful for DCS thinking differently about student data, celebrating students, holiday activities, thinking about student connectiveness and how our decisions now will impact

them later. Let's be mindful of students working on small cohorts when they are on-line and how impactful that is. Thank you for the hard work!

- Mrs. Carroll reiterated her gratitude in the Discovery's community as we share in one way or another during these challenging times. The idea of working together is one of the most important things we can do in the best interest of the students and everybody's safety. It is those details that are going to help us be where we need to be when the time is right and safe for us to be back at school. As we look differently, this is an eye opening time to reflect on how we did things in the past and how we can begin looking at things differently. What we are doing today is going to shape our tomorrow. Thank you all and a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

XI. Adjournment: 7:30pm

Motion: McKearney

Second: Castorena

Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board