

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

**Board of Directors**  
Special Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 20, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

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**I. Opening Procedures**

**A. Call to Order** at 5:31pm

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Morgan Appel, Terry McKearney, and Erin Richison.

Members Absent: Vikki Castorena

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Erika Alamo and MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rochelle Carroll

**II. Approve Agenda**

*Motion: Terry McKearney    Second: Morgan Appel    Vote: MCSU*

**III. 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. Items on the Agenda** - None

**B. Items not on the Agenda:** None

**IV. Principal's Report.**

- Mr. MacGaffey reported a positive COVID case, and the cohorts will be in quarantine for the next two weeks. Letters were sent to parents and staff members.
- DCS entire staff will be taking the LGBTQ training this week that is being implemented district wide to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for LGBTQ and gender expansive students.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported on the Learning Opportunity Grant. He explained the need to hire extra personnel to help students who have suffered learning loss to help accelerate

their learning. Some of these are temporary one year plans while others may extend up to potentially three years. DCS will also extend the school day and school year with after school tutoring, intersession, RtI extra support, and provide ELD and GLAD training for teachers. There is also a need to purchase more Sips and DRA kits so teachers can have complete sets. Ms. Alamo can train teachers on how to use these kits.

- DCS piloted i-Ready Reading this year and this program will be purchased with the ELO grant as well.
- Students and staff can benefit from having a counselor on board to do one-on-one or group support, as well as supporting families and staff. This could be for one or multiple years based on the need.

**V. Tentative 2020-2021 Agreement Between DCS and DCTU Report**

Principal McGaffey reported the process of negotiations of Article 6, and Article 9 for 2020-2021 between DCS and DCTU.

**VI. Board Approval/Ratification of Tentative Agreement Between DCS and DCTU to Settle and Close 2020-2021 Negotiations.**

*Motion: Appel      Second: Richison      Vote: MCSU*

**VII. Adopt Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant**

*Motion: McKearney      Second: Richison      Vote: MCSU*

**VIII. Board Communication**

- Dr. Richison encouraged DCS to be nimble and continue to see the needs of our learners and families so that we can best serve them.
- Dr. Appel added the importance of understating the pressure of money. Sort of tumbling in is not to solely be nimble but to also be thoughtful in what we do.
- Mr. McKearney is glad to hear negotiations for 2020-21 school year went well and the good relationship between DCTU and administration. This shows there is a good cooperation model that works and that other unions and charter schools should have. He sees DCS being nimble and thoughtful with the plans of Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant.
- Mrs. Carroll sees DCS taking the good from what we have learned from this year's challenges. Continue to be proactive and ready for what is ahead. How we respond to it is what is going to continue to keep Discovery on an upward trajectory and continue to put kids first, because DCS really shines, and is a model for others to learn from. She thanked everyone for their hard work and making what we have done at Discovery so important to the whole community.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm

*Motion: Appel      Second: Richison      Vote: MSCU*

**The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 5:30pm.**

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Rochelle Carroll, Board President

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Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board