

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

**Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 15, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Opening Procedures**

**A. Called to Order** at 5:31 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Vikki Castorena, Terri McKearney, Morgan Appel
- b. Members Absent: None
- c. Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Erika Alamo, MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno

**C. Pledge of Allegiance led by MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno**

**II. Approve Agenda**

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: Castorena*

*Vote: MSCU*

**III. Approve Minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Appel*

*Vote: MSCU*

**IV. 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

**V. Principal's Report**

- DCS has everything in place and ready to have students back on a full schedule for a new school year.
- School enrollment is projected to have increased by 70 additional students.



- DCS hired four new teachers who will be introduced at our next Board meeting in August.
- Based on CDC guidelines, students and staff will wear masks indoors, but outdoors is optional.
- Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students this year.
- Meetings will continue to be held online until further notice.
- We will have a staggered schedule using different gates for arrival and dismissal.
- DCS held two parent Forums that were very well attended.
- Administration team met with the new instructional leadership team to discuss the district's plans and their focus for this school year on cultural proficiency.
- DCS teachers will be reading and discussing throughout the year a document created at the county office titled "Engaging Students through the Pandemic and Beyond."
- DCS will host Discover Discovery Night on Tuesday, July 20 at 5:00pm.

**X. Approve Professional Legal Services in 2021-22 from Young, Minney and Corr, LLP**  
(Action)

**Cost:** \$30,000. on blanket purchase order to pay for legal services as they are received during the 2021-2022 school year. Services not to exceed \$30,000.

**Funding Source:** Charter General Fund

**Location:** Discovery Charter School

**Rationale:** Young, Minney, and Corr, LLP to provide legal counsel on matters related to Discovery being a California charter school, including but not limited to compliance issues, labor negotiations, etc. during the 2021-2022 school year.

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**XII. Board Announcements**

**Dr. Richison** is looking forward to going back to school, appreciates the communication, and is glad to hear that the document she shared is being put to work at Discovery. She thanked everyone for their hard work and Mr. MacGaffey for his vision, and hopes teachers are ready for the new school year.

**Mr. McKearney** congratulated everyone on getting ready and Mr. MacGaffey for the way he wrapped up the year and that it went very well. He visited the school and was pleased to see a lot of excitement. He asked admin to provide information and some perspective on this school year's focus on cultural proficiency and what that means at the classroom and family level.

**Mrs. Carroll** thanked everyone for their hard work in getting everything ready for the new school year.

**Mrs. Castorena** thanked everyone and shared that Multicultural proficiency was part of the conversation today during a GLAD training she attended and that it is about celebrating who we are as people, no matter who you are. She stated that Discovery has a culture of welcoming and feeling honored of who you are.



**Dr. Appel** applauds all the enthusiasm and vigilance on how DCS is going to approach the next year and is very happy about the dedication to cultural proficiency. He is thrilled about the way the year is starting.

**XIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: Castorena*

*Vote: MSCU*

**The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

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Rochelle Carroll, Board President

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Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board