

January 16th 2025 Dynamic Minds Academy Board Minutes

Board – Blair Dawson, Rachel Deaton, Michael Gilbert, Katie Kunkel, Amanda Scott, Amy Thornburg

DMA – Samantha Bandy, Aaron Wallace

Ed One - Amanda Webb

Guests- Kevin Davis

A quorum was established and the meeting started at 5:32pm.

Accept minutes from November meeting

A motion was made and accepted to accept the minutes.

Financials from November and December

The board decided to vote on the November financials only and hold the December financials until the next board meeting which will allow the board time to review. The board asked about some “catch up” payment questions. Samantha explained that the basic grant is higher for two months and that all catch-up payments occur differently. A question was asked about Medicaid reimbursement and Samantha explained that it can fluctuate due to attendance and the school calendar. A motion was made to accept the financials, and the board accepted the financials.

Personnel Report

Samantha presented the personnel report which reflects some shifts within the Bigs classrooms, and one teacher moving from littles to middles, and a THS staffer moving from THS to DMA in the little classroom. With the changes reviewed, DMA is slightly overstaffed but there were no concerns noted. A motion was made to accept the personnel report, and the board accepted the report.

Enrollment Update

Samantha reviewed the enrollment report. The board discussed the impact of the upcoming graduating class in 2025.

Audit findings

Samantha updated the board regarding the audit findings that the school does not need to pay sales tax. However, Samantha explained that the work to remove the sales tax from every purchase is not enough of a benefit for the work to update each purchase. That sales tax finding was the only finding. The board congratulated the staff team on a clean audit.

Academic Update

Samantha reviewed the mid-year academic update. The littles data has been changed with Ed One. The data will focus on the 4th graders because 3rd grade and under are still adjusting to school. The bigs participation in Exact path saw significant increases over the previous year. Samantha reviewed the percentages of middles and bigs who are working at grade level. The

percentage of students who are “pace” to graduate was shared. Samantha reviewed the UDL behavior strategies.

Update from Julie Gordon with THS

Julie updated the board on ABA providers and Medicaid billing changes.

2025-2026 School Year Calendar Proposal

Samantha reviewed the board calendar for 2025-2026. A motion was made to accept the calendar, and it was accepted.

Update on Lilly Grant process

Samantha gave an update on the usage of the Lilly grant funds and the out of state school visits.

Committee updates

There were no updates from the active committees.

Public Comment Policy

Rachel updated the board on the proposed public comment policy. A motion was made to accept the policy and it was approved.

Education One Report

Amanda Webb reviewed the Education One report.

Public input

Some highlights on proposed house bills was reviewed. The senate side also has a large number of bills being proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm ET.