



MINUTES: Academy of Dover Board of Directors Meeting

Date | time 9/23/2021 6:00 PM | Meeting called by: Mr. Boynton

Board Members

Mr. Kimeu W. Boynton, Board President
Bishop W. James Thomas, Treasurer
Dr. Charles Fletcher, Board Member
Mrs. Candace Holmes, Esq., Board Member
Ms. Ashley Murphy, PTO President
Dr. Esosa Iriowen, Parent Representative

Dr. Michele Marinucci, Executive Secretary/Head of School
Ms. Lauren Comegys, Teacher Representative
Mr. David Hudson, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Debra Gerardi, Deputy Principal Assistant
Mrs. Jennifer Bartsch, Financial Specialist

Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

The Academy of Dover Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mr. Boynton at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were presented in written form. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board went into Executive Session.

Vote on SA21-01

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the SA21-01.

Vote on Attendance Update

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the State of Delaware COVID Leave Policy retroactive to August 16, 2021.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Vote on Finance Report

Dr. Marinucci provided an overview of the August financial report. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the August financial report.

Principal's Report

Dr. Marinucci provided an update on the following:

- COVID: We are seeing an increase of COVID among the student body and will continue to monitor these cases. We have offered hybrid/remote options to our families. We are continuing with daily temperature checks along with sanitizing the classrooms and common areas.
- Our enrollment for this school year has increased. Currently, we have 379 students enrolled and continue to accept applications.
- We are very excited to welcome our new school nurse: Cynthia Hovan. Nurse Hovan has been providing guidance on COVID and assisted in hosting a session with our families to stay connected and answer any questions they may have.

Teacher's Report

Ms. Comegys stated that the morale amongst the teaching staff is very high. Ms. Comegys asked the Board if they would consider tuition reimbursement for the teaching staff. Mr. Boynton asked that Ms. Comegys and Bishop Thomas meet with a small committee to form a proposal that will be reviewed and discussed at the October Board meeting.

Ms. Comegys also mentioned that the Academy of Dover is being recognized by the National Charter School Alliance. This is a huge honor!

PTO Report

Ms. Murphy stated that the Academy of Dover is currently participating in a Joe Corbi's fundraiser and that the PTO is possibly looking at holding a fall festival.

Announcements

Mr. Boynton informed the Board of the passing of Mrs. Phyllis Robinson. Mrs. Robinson was dedicated and passionate about the Academy of Dover and always provided grace and support. It is important that we continue to memorialize and honor her for her service.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Note:

Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 10004e(2), the agenda is subject to change to include additional items including executive sessions that arise at the time of the Board's meeting. The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The Board reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting. The Board may take breaks during the meeting.