

**Dillard Academy Charter School
Board of Education Meeting**

Tuesday March 5, 2024

Minutes

5:00 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Janet Ward, Mary Kay James,, Christine Robles, Mary Daughtry, Cheryl McCullough

Board Members not in attendance: Janet Ward, Thomas Smith, Hosvan Giron Arias

Administrative Staff: Carole Battle, Danielle Baptiste, Tasha Adams, Pearlie Whitfield

- I. Call to Order- Mary Kay James called the meeting to order with a quorum of 4 members at 5:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - was recited by all in attendance.
- III. Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes - The minutes of the February 6, 2024 board meeting minutes were distributed. The board was given time to read them. At 5:15 pm, Janet Ward called for a motion to accept the February 6, 2024 minutes as written. At 5:15 pm Christine Robles moved to approve the minutes as written and Cheryl McCollough seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote 4 yes 0 no. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of March 5, 2024 agenda - Janet Ward called for a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 agenda with a date correction. At 5:18 pm Cheryl McCullough moved to accept the February 6, 2024 agenda as Presented and Christina Robles seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote 4 yes 0 no. Motion carried.
- V. Public Notice - Danielle Baptiste reported the notice of the March 5, 2024 board meeting was posted on Facebook, the Goldsboro Daily News, Remind.com., and the marquee outside.
- VI. Acknowledgement of visitors/Comments - The school attorney, Mr. Henry Smith
- VII. Statements: Cheryl McCollugh recited the conflict of interest statement.
Conflict of interest statement - Board members are reminded it is your duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as we handle the work of the Advisory Board. Does any member of the board know of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with

respect to any matters coming before us at this meeting? If so, please state them for the record. If during the course of the meeting, you become aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest, please bring the matter to the attention of the chair. It will then be your duty to abstain from participating in discussion on the matter and from voting on the matter.

The Mission Statement - Mary Kay James recited the mission statement -To positively provide a safe and quality education with high expectations so that we can excel and grow.

VIII. Principal's Report - Carole Battle

- The current enrollment is 238.
- Attendance - Mrs. Baptiste, Mrs. Adams and I continue to monitor the student attendance. Many students have been out of school due to flu, stomach viruses, and Covid. (14.7 million children were chronically absent during the last school year).
- Academics - All teachers should be fishing up their standards by the end of the nine weeks (March 15, 2024). Teachers will reteach, and review all standards until the end of school.
- After school - We have grades 3-8 enrolled in afterschool 3 days a week and it is going well, we still have our tutors doing 6-8 during the school day 4 days a week.
- The Valentines Dance was a huge success.
- We had staff development in math on February 19, 2024.
- iReady scores are improving.
- Beginning, Mar 7, 2024 We will begin the Triple B Challenge, any homeroom without any suspensions this month will have a pizza party sponsored by the Principal.
- March Madness - We start our timestable tournament on March 11, 2024, and Mar 12, 2024 , grades 3-8.
- Staff and student basketball games will be held at WA Foster on March 28, 2024, at 4:30 pm.
- We may have an online Job- fair on April 27, 2024 for teachers and IAs.
- Spring break is between March 29 through April 8th.
- Ms. Battle ended her report by quoting. "Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom" George Washington Carver.

IX. Assistant Principal's Report - [Tasha Adams](#)

- Transportation - We are still looking for additional drivers. We have placed announcements out to staff. No current leads.
- Testing is almost complete for WIDA assessment.
- The discipline rate is going down. We are seeing a trend of the same students. We are calling and scheduling parent conferences with teachers

present. If it's the same student being referred. Some behaviors are being referred to one-on-one counseling. We are working with parents to help reach their children.

X. Budget Report - Danielle Baptiste

- As of February 28, 2024, 52% of budgeted funds were left with 4 months left in the fiscal year. We are on track.
- We have a surplus of \$67,760.82.
- At 5:25 pm Janet Ward called for a motion to approve the February 28, 2024 budget as presented. Christine Robles moved to approve the February 28, 2024 as presented and Mary Kay James seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote. 4 yes 0 no, motion passed.

XI. Governance

- The school letter grade can be found on our website.
- The Nepotism policy was updated.
- The Attendance policy was updated.
- The Promotion and retention policy was updated.
- On March 5, 2024 at 5:37 pm Mary Kay James called for a motion to approve all updated policies. Cheryl McCollough moved to accept all updated policies and Christine Robles seconded it. Mary Kay James called for a vote 4 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

XII. Central Services Report

- Dillard Academy is modernizing its school website.
- Open enrollment
- Kindergarten registration

XIII. Next Meeting April 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

XIV. Mary Kay James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 5:50 pm Christine Robles moved to adjourn and Cheryl McCollough seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.