

DILLARD ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL K-8

Board of Education Meeting
Minutes – Emergency Session
August 3, 2020
Virtual Meeting
10:00 AM

Board Members in attendance: John Stokes (Proxy: Ms. Battle), Thomas Smith, Mary Kay James, Elizabeth Wooten, Hosvan Giron Arias

Board Members not in attendance: Christina Robles, David Simmons, Janet Ward

Administrative Staff: Hilda Hicks, Carole Battle, Danielle Baptiste, Pearlie Whitfield, William Baptiste,

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Thomas Smith at 10:00 am with a quorum of 5 board members present.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
- III. **Confirmation of Public Notice** – Public notice was confirmed by Danielle Baptiste. Notice was posted on the school website, Face-book, outside on the school marquee, in the Goldsboro Daily News, Class DoJo, and streaming on the internet.
- IV. **Acknowledgement of Visitors** – Thelma Black
- V. **Statements:** All in attendance read the ethics statement:
Board members are reminded that it is our duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as we handle the work of the 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 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.

Mission Statement: All in attendance read : To positively provide a safe and quality education with high expectations so that we can excel and grow.
- VI. **COVID-19 Reopening Plan**
 - The first and main concern is the safety of our students.
 - Reopening options are:
 - A - Normal opening
 - B - Hybrid opening - 2 cohorts, in-person every other week

- C - All Remote.
- DACS Administration recommendation
 - Remote for first 9 weeks (until October 19)
 - Social distancing, masks and reopening guidelines enforced
 - Daily attendance
 - Instruction 8:15 am - 2:15 pm, 2 blocks, includes lunch and specials
 - All students will receive a computing device, textbook, flash drives etc.
 - Meal options TBD
- Hybrid Concerns
 - DACS Parent Response
 - a. 22.6% chose in person (61)
 - b. 58% chose remote (156)
 - c. 19.3% no response yet (52)
- Discussion
 - Does DPI have instructional guidelines for remote learning?
 - How will technology be distributed to students? Which students will receive computing devices?
 - How will attendance for students be handled?
- Mrs. Battle asked the board to accept the Administration's recommendation for the school reopening plan for the 2020-21 school year.
 On August 3, 2020 10:50 Mary K. James made a motion to accept the Administration's recommendation to open the school totally remotely for the 1st 9 weeks. Thomas Smith seconded it. A vote was taken 5 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

VII. Next Meeting – August 11, 2020

VIII. Virtual Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm. Wooten / Smith