

Dillard Academy Charter School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Janet Ward, Thomas Smith, Christina Robles, Mary B. Daughtry, Mary Kay James, Cheryl McCollough

Board Member not in attendance: Hosvan Arias

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

- I. Call to Order- Janet Ward called the meeting to order with a quorum of 6 members at 5:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of allegiance - was recited by all in attendance.
- III. Approval of November 1, 2022 Minutes- The minutes of the November 1, 2022 board meeting were distributed. The board was given time to read them. Janet Ward called for a motion to accept the November 1, 2022 minutes as written. At 5:08 pm Christina Robles moved to approve the minutes and Mary K. James seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote 6 yes 0 no. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of December 6, 2022 agenda - Janet Ward called for a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 agenda. At 5:15 pm Mary K. James moved to accept the December 6, 2022 agenda and Thomas Smith seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote 6 yes 0 no. Motion carried.
- V. Public Notice - Danielle Baptiste reported the notice of the December 6, 2022 board meeting was posted on Facebook, DA website, and the Goldsboro Daily News remind.com.
- VI. Acknowledgement of visitors/Comments - No visitors attended the meeting.
- VII. Statements: Danielle Baptiste 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 read 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
 - Enrollment as of today December 6, 2022 is 269.

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- At the last board meeting in November the enrollment was 273. We had 4 withdrawals 3 moved to California and 1 is enrolled at Dillard Middle.
- Discipline is improving, we had the Triple B Challenge for November on December 1st. Only 3 homerooms were eliminated and all other homerooms are still in the running.
- The Federal ESSER audit went well.
- Progress reports went out on November 18, 2022. 89% of student progress reports were passing and 11% failing.
- Dillard Academy has received our NC Academic Growth Award for exceeding growth. Dillard Academy was placed 39th in the state for exceeding growth among charter schools.
- Carole Battle closed her report with a quote "May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve".

IX. Budget Report

- The overall budget balance is where it should be at 78.23% and a surplus of \$30,782.36 .Janet Ward called for a motion to accept the budget. Mary K. James moved to accept the budget as written and Mary B. Daughtry seconded it. Janet Ward called for a vote 6 yes and 0 no. Motion passed

X. Operations Report

- No additional grade level will be added next school year. Class sizes may increase 20% up to 18 students per class and projected total student enrollment could be 324.
- We are exploring additional classroom expansion. We contacted an architect concerning the expansion.
- The 25th year school anniversary will have its first meeting in January 2023.

XI. Community Involvement Report

- 100% of Dillard Academy staff donated to the Empty Stocking Fund.
- Dillard Academy staff donated to the United Way Annual Campaign.
- The Goldsboro Police Department will sponsor several DACS students through the Shop with a Cop program.
- The Board thanked the students, parents, and staff for a job well done.

XII. Next Meeting February 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn: Janet Ward called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 6:10 pm Christine Robles moved to adjourn and Mary K. James seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed.