

Dillard Academy Charter School

Board of Education Meeting

Minutes - Called Meeting

February 8, 2021

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Board Members in attendance: Janet Ward, Thomas Smith, Hosvan Arias, Mary K. James, Christina Robles, Mary B. Daughtry

Board Member not in attendance:

Administrative Staff in attendance: Carole Battle, Danielle Baptiste, Pearlie Whitfield, William Baptiste

- I. Call to Order - Thomas Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum of 6 board members present.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- III. Approval of February 8, 2021 agenda - At 4:07, Mary James motioned to accept the February 8, 2021 agenda as written and Hosvan Arias seconded the motion. Thomas Smith called for a vote. 6 in favor 0 no. Motion carried.
- IV. Confirmation of Public Notice of Meeting: Danielle Baptiste confirmed the meeting was posted on DA website, school calendar, and Class DoJo.
- V. Acknowledgement of Visitors/Comments: Nina Armstrong
- VI. Statements - Danielle Baptiste read statements
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.

Mission Statement – to positively provide a safe and quality education with high expectations so that we can excel and grow. (all in attendance read the MS.)
- VII. COVID-19 update -
 - The NCDHHS alert system listed Wayne County in the Yellow Zone which is the lowest in the State.
 - A recent update in COVID cases is 9,740 in the state and 191 deaths. The state is showing a slightly downward trend since January 2021.

- At present DA has 6 staff members who have taken their first dose of the vaccine and are waiting to get their second dose. Teachers are in phase III and will have the option to take the vaccine. Ms. Battle stated “it will not be mandatory for employees to take the vaccine at Dillard Academy”.
- Governor Roy Cooper sent a letter out to School Board Members and Superintendents strongly recommending to reopen NC public schools. He also urges schools to provide in-person instruction using the safety protocol outlined in the NC Strong Schools Toolkit.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently cited North Carolina as an example that schools can reopen safely when they follow specific COVID-19 mitigation strategies even during periods of high community transmission.

VIII. DA plans for reopening (In-person instruction)

- A survey was sent out to staff regarding intentions on taking the vaccine 44 out of 53 indicated they would take the vaccine.
- The board discussed several options toward reopening the school safely. The board decided on option D Reopening Plan. The Hybrid plan begins on March 1, 2021 on a staggered entry basis.
- Q & A session
- After discussing all options for reopening the board decided and voted on Plan D. At 5:15 pm Mary James motioned to go with Plan D for reopening the school and Mary Daughtry seconded it. Thomas Smith called for a vote 5 yes 1 no. Motion carried.

WEEK	GROUP IN BUILDING
Feb 15 - 26	Staff Only
Mar 1	Prek - 5th Grade (Gold Group)
Mar 8	PreK - 5th Grade (Blue Group)
Mar 15	PreK - 8th Grade (Gold Group)
Mar 22	PreK - 8th Grade (Blue Group)
Mar 29	PreK - 8th Grade (Gold Group)
SPRING BREAK	

IX. Next Meeting – March 9, 2021

X. Motion to Adjourn