

# Dillard Academy Charter School

## Board of Education Meeting

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Dillard Academy Charter School

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**Board Members in attendance:** Janet Ward, Christina Robles, Mary Kay James, Hosvan Giron-Arias, Mary B. Daughtry, Cheryl McCullough, Thomas Smith

**Board Member not in attendance:**

**Administrative Staff:** Hilda Hicks, Carole Battle, Danielle Baptiste, Alan Williams, Pearlie Whitfield

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- I. Call to order at 5:00 by Janet Ward with a quorum of 7 members present.
- II. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- III. The approval of February 1, 2022 minutes was motioned by Mary K. James at 5:06 pm and seconded by Christina Robles. Janet Ward called for a vote 7 yes and 0 against the motion carried.
- IV. The approval of the March 1, 2022 agenda was motioned by Mary K. James at 5:10 and seconded by Thomas Smith. Janet Ward called for a vote 7 in favor and 0 against. The motion was carried.
- V. Confirmation of Public Notice was posted on Facebook, the school's website, and Remind.com
- VI. Acknowledgement of visitors/Comments: No visitors
- VII. Statements: Danielle Baptiste read 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.*

*All in attendance recited the Mission Statement – to positively provide a safe and quality education with high expectations so that we can excel and grow.*

- VIII. The Principal's Report
  - Current enrollment is 240. DA lost 4 students since the last meeting.
  - The attendance team has been assigned to grade levels.
  - Improvements have been seen in academics, and the nine weeks end on March 10th.
  - Report cards go out on March 18th, Last quarter Principal's List was

featured in the Goldsboro Daily News.

- Mr. Williams reported there were fewer referrals and no suspensions since the last meeting.
- Carole Battle asked the board to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar with the first day of school being 8/29/2022 and the last day 5/26/2023 for students. At 5:22 Mary K. James motioned to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar and Cheryl McCollough seconded the motion. Janet Ward called for a vote 7 yes 0 no. Motion passed.
- Carole Battle recommended the board approve the summer school proposal. It would allow students who do not pass the state EOG test to be remediated and retested. At 5:38 Mary K. James motioned to accept the Summer School recommendation to remediate and retest students who do not pass the EOG and Mary Daughtry seconded it. Janet Ward called for a vote 7 for and 0 against. Motion passed.
- Mr. Williams reported in January 2022 the attendance rate was at 78.6%. February is at 86.5% which is an improvement.
- During Black history month teachers decorated their doors, hallways, had trivias, and dressed up in African attire.
- Staff VS Student basketball game was held February 3, 2022 at WA Foster Center.
- 1st and 2nd grade celebrated the Triple B Challenge with pizza and tacos February 3, 2022.
- Some 8th graders have applied to Early Middle College and the school of Engineering.
- Afterschool reading and math tutoring in grades 3-8 is going well.
- The Country of the month is Brazil.
- The word of the month is Empathy.
- Abraham Lincoln " I am slow to learn and slow to forget that which I have learned".

#### IX. Governance

- Masking policy there were no changes made. At 6:00 Christina Robles motioned to make no changes to the masking policy and Cheryl McCullough seconded it. Janet Ward called for vote 7 in favor and 0 no. Motion carried.

#### X. Central Services Report

- April 8, 2022 is Kindergarten registration.
- DA enrollment goal is 270 students. That will enable us to have 15 students per classroom. Currently we have 30 applications and 55 slots available. After we reach our enrollment goal we will continue to take applications and place them on the waiting list. Our goal is to have 20% more applications than slots (this would give us a waitlist of 54)
- The initial lottery will be held at 12pm on April 14, 2022.

- The budget's revenue is at 67% and expenses is at 60.4% and is well within normal limits at this time of the year. The current surplus is \$44,887.64. The surplus could be used for a playground, 400 bldg. Demolition, paving, and a hood system for the cafeteria. Mrs. Baptiste requested the budget for Child Nutrition revenue increase to \$200K and expenses increase to 170K due to rate increases and higher nutrition rates. Danielle Baptiste asked the board to accept the revised budget. At 6:20 pm Mary K. James motioned to accept the budget and Hosvan Arias seconded it. Janet Ward called for a vote 7 in favor and 0 against. The motion was approved.
- The Garden planning meeting was February 15, 2022. (Ms. Daughtry, Volunteers, James, Baptiste). Supplies are furnished by Rebuilding Broken Places. Next meeting March 2, at 11:00 a.m.
- Mary Daughtry along with the Wayne County Library donated books to Dillard Academy.

XI. Next meeting April 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm virtually

XII. Adjourn - Hosvan Arias motion to adjourn the March 1, 2022 meeting at 6:30 pm and Christina Robles seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.