Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
5:30pm

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:41pm

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Tara Zaragoza, Harry Sevel, Sara Roa

Members Absent: Morgan Appel

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by student Cooper Hernandez

D. Student Recognitions: Science Fair

- Mrs. Peterson presented to the Board about Discovery's annual Science Fair. Student Yaretzi Chavez-Lopez, who was our 4th grade overall winner, presented her science project to the Board. Student Belen Navarro, also an overall winner, presented her Science Fair project to the Board.
- The Board members asked questions for the students and congratulated them for their amazing work.

E. Safety Patrol Promotions

- Safety Patrol advisor, Mrs. Hernandez, recognized student, Cooper Hernandez, who promoted within Discovery's Safety Patrol Program from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Cooper spoke about his experience as Safety Patrol Major this year and about his experience interviewing with the Chula Vista Police Department for his promotion while attending Major Day. Mrs. Hernandez praised Cooper for being a great leader and for doing an amazing job in Safety Patrol. The Board also praised Cooper for doing such an amazing job and setting an example for younger students.

II. **Approve Agenda** (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Zaragoza* *Vote: MCSU*

III. **Approve Minutes from the April 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting** (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Zaragoza* *Vote: MCSU*

IV. **Public Comment:** Persons wishing to address the Board of Directors on any item on the agenda or non-agenda items should do so during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No action or discussion shall be undertaken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes.

A. **Public Comment – Items on the Agenda** – Carmen Luna from Sprockids, spoke about her experience coaching students in the bicycle afterschool club. She thanked the Board for consideration of the proposals for summer and the incoming school year.

B. **Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda** – None

V. **Executive Director's Report** (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared that the corrected name for our school is now displayed in the front of the school.
- He shared that our district chef came to cook hot dogs for our students and everyone enjoyed the experience.
- Discovery has started to receive our new sheds on-site that will help our storage needs moving forward.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that Discovery had a successful multicultural fair this year along with the PTC spring event, which were both well attended.
- We had a visit from Mayor McCann recently, who came to visit our Engineering and Robotics classroom.
- Discovery had the EL Reclassification Ceremony recently for students who proudly met the expectation on their English learner classification test.
- Discovery has field days coming up for our students with parent volunteers and Mr. MacGaffey also shared that he is inviting parents to come on campus to have lunch on the lawn with their students.
- Mr. MacGaffey communicated that he is filled with a sense of gratitude for all teachers and our testing team.
- He shared that Discovery is in a good place and Admin is already planning for next school year.

- Mr. MacGaffey invited our Board members to our 6th and 8th grade promotions.
- Mr. MacGaffey and Mrs. Alamo recognized our Board President, Rochelle Carroll, for her recent promotion within CVESD to Assistant Superintendent.

VI. Approve Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Physical Education & Development Program for 2024-2025.**

Services: Physical education and development services for students during the instructional day.
Term of Contract: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
Total Cost: $60,066.
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

B. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement for Finney Educational Consultant for Professional Development Services in 2024-2025.**

Services: Thirteen full days of grade level math professional development with teacher observation and coaching.
Term of Contract: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
Total Cost: $1,000 per day, total cost is $13,000.
Funding Source: Educator Effectiveness Funds Grant.

C. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Ro Health, LLC staffing services for 2024-2025**

Staffing Hourly Rates: To maintain the appropriate staffing of Discovery's Health Office, the following comprehensive list of various qualified contract healthcare staffing positions and associated 2024-2025 hourly rates for the Independent Contractor Agreement is provided for approval.

Positions	Rate Type (per hour)	Rate $ (per hour)
CNA	Regular Rate Group	$36.75
LVN	Regular Rate Group	$58.80
Registered Nurse (RN)	Regular Rate Group	$71.40
Registered Credentialed School Nurse	Regular Rate Group	$99.75

Term of Contract: July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025
Estimated annual cost: $65,000

Funding Source: Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

D. **Approve Professional Legal Services in 2024-2025 from Young, Minney, & Corr, LLP**

Services: Young, Minney, and Corr, LLP to provide legal counsel on matters related to Discovery being a California charter school, including but not limited to compliance requirements and labor negotiations during the 2024-2025 school year.
Cost: $10,000 on blanket purchase order to pay for legal services as they are received during the 2024-2025 school year. Services not to exceed $10,000.
Funding Source: Unrestricted General Fund

E. **Approve Travel to Southern California Orff Level Two Training**

Location: Cook Elementary School, CVESD
Dates: July 3-12, 2024
Rationale: Music teacher, Christa Valency will attend the Orff Musical Education Level Two Training after having completed Level One earlier this year. The Orff Musical Education process encourages creativity through students' natural experiential response to music with an essential component being improvisation that allows children to be the composer.
Total Cost: Registration cost is $1,000.
Funding Source: Arts and Music in Schools Grant

F. **Increase 2023-2024 Independent Contractor Agreement with Sprockids from $10,000 to $14,000**

Services: Sprockids' 2023-24 Independent Contractor Agreement for $10,000 currently provides four quarterly after-school trail bike riding classes at $2,500 each. The requested increase of $4,000 is to add classes during the Summer 2023-2024 Intersession.
Total Increase Requested: $4,000.
Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunity Program Grant Funds

G. **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Sprockids for 2024-2025**

Services: Provide four 5-week long after-school trail bike riding programs during 2024-2025. Each 5-week program will have four on-site classes and one trail riding class at Rice Canyon. Quarter 1 will be designated for 1st-3rd graders, Quarter 2 will be designated for 4th-6th graders, Quarter 4 will have one class designated for 1st-3rd graders and another class designated for 4th-6th graders.

Total Cost: $16,000.
Funding Source: ELOP Grant Funds

Motion: Zaragoza *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

VII. LCAP Public Hearing (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey presented the LCAP Executive Summary for 2024-2025. He presented the budget overview for parents and shared the projected revenue summary.
- He shared the current budgeted expenditures in the LCAP and an update on the increased or improved services for those students in high need groups.
- Mr. MacGaffey spoke about the LCFF and types of LCFF funding and discussed the 8 state priorities within the LCAP. He also spoke about the two goals, which are part of the 8 state priorities.
- Mr. MacGaffey discussed the two goals in depth within different metrics to assure supports for our students, and explained the actions taken to achieve each goal.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared our baseline data for ELA Reading Comprehension in K-1 and 2nd – 8th, and Mathematics K-8th.

VIII. DCS Sunshine Articles for Future Negotiations (Information/Report)

1. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School's Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year with the Discovery Charter School Teachers Association.
   - Mr. MacGaffey, on behalf of Discovery Charter School, sunshined the following articles for the 2024-2025 negotiations with DCTU:
     1. Article 11: Leaves of Absence
     2. Article 15: Compensation

2. Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School Teachers Association's Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year with Discovery Charter School.
   - Mrs. Schrum on behalf of DCTU sunshined the following articles for the 2024-2025 negotiations with Discovery Charter School:
     1. Article 9: Certificated Evaluation Procedure
     2. Article 15: Compensation

IX. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with AthLEAD LLC for Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Afterschool and Intersession Services for 2024-2025.

Services: Afterschool and intersession program activities that align with the California Quality Standards for Expanded Learning. The 2024-2025 contract increases ELOP student enrollment spots from 100-125.
Dates: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Total Cost: $400,000.
Funding Source: Expanded Learning Opportunity Program Grant Funds

Motion: Sevel Second: Zaragoza Vote: MCSU

X. Approve $1,000 Stipend Each for Teachers, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Clark, and Mrs. Lopez for Adjunct Mentoring Duties for new teachers in 2023-2024.

Cost: $3,000
Funding Source: Title II

Motion: Sevel Second: Zaragoza Vote: MCSU

XI. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Rochelle thanked our Science Fair team, students and the staff for all of their amazing work and great activities. She thanked our Admin for their kind gift and thanked everyone for their hard work through the end of testing.

XII. Adjournment (Action)

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm

Motion: Zaragoza Second: Sevel Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board