Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
5:30pm
Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

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

Members Absent: Morgan Appel, Graciela Flores

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Iris Meinung

D. Art Project Presentation

- Mrs. Donovan, accompanied by students from this year's art classes, presented their recent piñata-making projects. She shared a video showcasing TK–8 students working on their pieces across grade levels. Students discussed their individual projects, including the creation and the skills and lessons they gained throughout the process. The group also invited the Board to attend the school art show on May 1st.

E. Speech Contest Student Recognitions

- Mrs. Hernandez, along with Discovery's four district-qualifying Speech Contest participants, shared highlights from this year's competition. Each student spoke about their experience throughout the process. Mrs. Hernandez presented three of the participants with certificates from Congressman Vargas and checks from the district.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

III. Approve Minutes from the February 17th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Roa *Second: Sevel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

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 - None

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

FULL BOARD TO CLOSED SESSION

V. Closed Session - President Carroll recessed to closed session at 6:01pm for the purpose of:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency Designated Representative: **Neil MacGaffey**

Employee Organization: **DCTU**

FULL BOARD TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium, President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 6:16pm

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
President Carroll reported there is nothing to report, and no action was taken.

VI. Executive Director's Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. Macgaffey announced the promotion of safety patrol student Yaretzi Murillo to Lieutenant Colonel.

- He highlighted our most recent kindness assembly that showcased acts of kindness demonstrated by students.
- He reported on Discovery's Read Across America Week, led by Ms. Ybarra, which began with a DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) assembly and included various activities such as the Masked Reader.
- He also shared that the school recently held our English Learner reclassification ceremony, recognizing a significant number of students from grades 1–8.

VII. 2nd Interim Budget Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey presented our 2nd interim report, which summarized our budget as of January 31, 2026.
- He reported our revenue decreased just slightly and our ending balance and reserve remain very healthy at 24.5%, not including the recent salary increases proposed for tonight's Board approval.

VIII. Approve Consent Calendar (Action)

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 Illustrative Math Curriculum
Rationale: 26-27 School year Math Instructional Curriculum for grades K-8th, California Edition
Total Cost: $46,000, not to exceed $47,000
Funding Source: AMIM & Restricted Lottery

B. Approve Purchase of Two (2) Lenovo Student Laptop Devices
Rationale: It is essential to invest in updated technology devices that support student learning, accommodate software upgrade requirements, and replace outdated computers. The plan includes purchasing 2 Lenovo laptops within the allocated effective use of technology Title IV budget for the 2025–26 school year.
Total Cost: $1,500, not to exceed $2,000
Funding Source: Title IV

C. Approve Purchase of Sixteen (16) Lenovo Student Laptop Devices for After School Program
Rationale: To provide additional primary grade K-2 students devices for After School Program usage and support with homework activities.
Total Cost: $15,000, not to exceed $20,000
Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunities Program

D. Approve Catering for ELOP Spring Intersession

Location: Discovery Charter School
Date: March 23rd – March 27th, 2026
Rationale: Discovery and AthLEAD will be hosting the ELOP Spring Intersession for (40) Discovery Charter School Students. During intersession, students will participate in a full day program and engage in athletics, games and other activities. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are to be provided for each student. El Tapatio is the district approved vendor of choice to provide catering.
Total Cost: $3,500 not to exceed $3,800
Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunities Program

E. Approve ELOP Spring Intersession Field Trip

Location: Old Town San Diego State Park
Date: March 27th, 2026
Rationale: To provide enrichment for students enrolled in Discovery's Extended Learning Opportunity Program in partnership with AthLEAD. A total of 40 students and 10 AthLEAD coaches will participate in a field trip to Old Town San Diego State Park, self-guided tour.
Total Cost: $0.00, not to exceed $500
Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunities Program

Motion: Roa *Second: Sevel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

IX. Approve Purchase and Installation of Playsafe Turf (Action)

Location: Discovery TK Grass Play Area
Rationale: To provide TK students with a dedicated outdoor play area on synthetic turf. The project includes removal of existing natural grass, debris and roots, leveling dirt and replacing with Shawgrass Playsafe Turf or district approved equivalent turf. CVESD facilities will also remove and cap the existing irrigation system.
Total Cost: $56,000, not to exceed $100,000
Funding Source: Universal PreKindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant

Motion: Roa *Second: Sevel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

X. Final Board Approval and Ratification of the 2025-26 Tentative Agreement between Discovery Charter School (DCS) and Discovery Charter Teachers Union (DCTU) (Action)

Recommended Motion: The Board approves and ratifies the 2025-26 Tentative Agreement between DCS and DCTU, including a 3.25% on-schedule salary increase for DCS Certificated staff, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

XI. Approve 3.25% On-Schedule Salary Increase for Discovery Charter Classified Staff, Charter Business Manager and Charter Nurse Positions, Effective July 1, 2025 (Action)

Motion: Roa *Second: Sevel* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

XII. Approve 3.25% On-Schedule Salary Increase for Discovery Charter Administration, Effective July 1, 2025 (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

XIII. Board Announcements

- Mr. Sevel expressed appreciation for the presentations and commended the students for their growth and achievements.
- Mrs. Roa echoed Mr. Sevel's sentiments.
- Mrs. Carroll congratulated all on the salary increase and the amicable negotiations, wished everyone a great spring break, and thanked staff for the informative reports.

XIV. Adjournment at 6:29pm (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting gat 6:29pm.

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: UNANIMOUS*

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board