

**Discovery Charter School  
1100 Camino Biscay  
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

**Board of Directors**  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 10, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

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**I. Opening Procedures**

**A. Called to Order** at 5:31 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Dr. Richison, Vikki Castorena, Terri McKearney
- b. Members Absent: Dr. Morgan Appel
- c. Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Erika Alamo, MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno

**C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Drama Student Isabel Arguelles**

**D. Recognition of Drama Club 2021 Production**

Drama Director Iris Chamberlain and Music teacher Ms. Christa Valency created a musical that posed questions to various characters about their experience during COVID19. Ms. Valency and students shared the process of how the show was created virtually, including the music, lyrics, and choreography, and how most of the practices were not done in-person but virtually.

**II. Approve Agenda**

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**III. Approve Minutes from May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes from May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**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. Items on the Agenda:** None

**B. Items not on the Agenda:** None

**V. Principal’s Report**

- Discovery will hold in-person promotion ceremonies for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades this Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The ceremonies will be held outdoors on the playground lawn which has been divided into socially distanced squares and families will be limited to a total of six guests. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be 8:00 a.m. and 6<sup>th</sup> grade’s promotion will be at 4:00 p.m.
- Discovery’s Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) team has been formed and has met. Mrs. Moreno will head the team.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared there will be a Multicultural Fair video to share soon, which has been created and produced by students, Mrs. Chona Fouch, Ms. Brenda Silahua, and the Multicultural Fair committee.
- Students’ last day of instruction will be Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers’ last day will be Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be spent mapping out curriculum for the 2021-22 school year.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported Dual Immersion will expand next year with an additional classroom in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. An additional 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has been added as well. There are 69 additional students enrolled for next year, for a total of 945 students pending residency verifications.
- Mr. MacGaffey thanked P.E. teacher Ms. Paula Mack, teachers, and support staff for the terrific Field Days being held this week and next for both in-person and distance-learner students.
- Mr. MacGaffey mentioned that the AthLEAD P.E. Program in agenda Item IX will provide a Spanish component that will bring Dual Immersion instruction to true 50%.

**VI. Public Hearing of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Mr. MacGaffey began the LCAP presentation by referencing the 2021-22 LCAP with the Expanded Learning Opportunity Plan the Board recently approved, along with other special federal and state program funds being received by Discovery.

**VII. DCTU Initial Proposal for Reopener Negotiations for 2021-22**

Teacher representative Ms. Maureen Arnold reported the DCTU’s initial proposal for reopening negotiations will be Article 15 – Compensation.

**VIII. DCS Initial Proposal for Reopener Negotiations for 2021-22**

Administrative representative Mr. Neil MacGaffey reported DCS’s initial proposal for reopening negotiations will be Article 8 – Professional Work Day/Work Year, and Article 15 – Compensation.

*Motion: Castorena*

*Second: McKearney*

*Vote: MSCU*

**IX. Approval of AthLEAD P.E. and After School Sports Program Contract for 2021-2022 for a total of \$106,236.**

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**X. Approve Credentialed Teachers COVID Substitute Daily Pay from \$122. to \$180. and Long-term Credentialed Teachers COVID Substitute Daily Pay from \$180. to \$283. to align with CVESD Substitute Pay.**

*Motion: Richison*

*Second: Camorena*

*Vote: MSCU*

**XI. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022**

*Motion: Camorena*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**XII. Board Announcements**

**Mrs. Castorena** expressed her gratitude to all the teachers' hard work in every moment they were with our students this year, saying Discovery teachers are amazing and always go way above and beyond. She also thanked Mr. MacGaffey, Mrs. Alamo, Mrs. Moreno, and the Board for this amazing year.

**Dr. Richison** thanked Ms. Iris Chamberlain and Ms. Christa Valency again for providing the opportunity for extra activities with the drama production. She asked that what worked well in distance learning be applied to providing different ways to support students learn in their own best way. Dr. Richison expressed her great appreciation of Discovery's leadership in putting students first.

**Mr. McKearney** shared he took a tour of the school this month, visiting classrooms to observe what the configurations were for in-person learning, and that he was surprised at the different vibe of the instruction. He said he felt he was looking at the classroom of the future as he observed students being very engaged on their computers, saying this is how work gets done in the world now. He also expressed his appreciation for how many things teachers have had to do at once while conducting both in-person and distance teaching at the same time. Mr. McKearney also stated he was very impressed with how organized and well-implemented the safety protocols for in-person learning were working, and thanked Mr. MacGaffey for his leadership.

**Ms. Carroll** stated that Discovery has become a pillar in the district for putting students first, and she echoed all the praise from the other Board members. She shared that this month student Isabel Arguelles gave her Speech Competition winning speech at the Rotary Club's meeting, and that both she and Mr. MacGaffey attended. She agreed with Mr. McKearney's comments on the digital aspect of education and shared that pre-pandemic we were behind in this regard. She said she loved Dr. Richison's comment that we can't skip a beat in looking at what worked well in distance learning to determine how different students learn best.

**XIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

*Motion: McKearney*

*Second: Richison*

*Vote: MSCU*

**The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be Thursday, July 15th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

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Rochelle Carroll, Board President

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Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board