

Meeting Minutes for Desert Heights Charter Schools
Regular Governing Board Meeting
January 12, 2021
5:15 p.m.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board for the Desert Heights Charter Schools was held on January 12, 2021 at Desert Heights Preparatory School, in the front office, 3540 W Union Hills Road, Glendale, AZ. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

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Sherrie Blanton, present by video
Nancy Diggs, present by video
Leanette Henagan, present by video
Margaret Martin, present
Manuel Robles, present
Mark Jiles, present by video

1. Public Comment

No public comments

2. Consent Items

The November 17, 2020 minutes were approved.

3. President's Report

Mark Jiles reported that 916 students were enrolled. The recent open house zoom call at the Charter has resulted in 75 additional students split between the charter and the prep. Diamond Finance Services will be providing a monthly financial statement around the 25th of each month. Mr. Jiles provided the Board with an update regarding the modular building. Purchase and delivery is underway. There is some work that needs to be done to get the install complete. The final cost should be in the neighborhood of \$80-90,000. The modular will provide the school with two more classrooms. There has been two water leaks, one at charter and one at prep, that have or are in the process of being repaired. The cost is estimated to be \$9500 for both. The school received \$175,000 stability grant from the state. A portion of the modular costs will be taken from the grant money. After some waffling the AIA has reinstated the sports season for Winter. There is concern regarding Governor Ducey's announcement regarding funding and the implications of that will be investigated.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Approval to add computer science as 4th math credit.

The Board is being asked to approve a 4th math credit under the State recommendations for computer science, career and technical education and vocational education, economics, science and arts courses. Administration will determine eligibility of this credit on an individual basis. Upon motion by Manuel Robles, seconded by Margaret Martin, the Board unanimously approved adding computer science as an available math credit as stated above.

5. Report on status of in-person opening of schools.

The high school will move into Phase II on January 19. The charter will remain virtual at that time. The goal is to hopefully move to Phase III for all on February 16. Everyone is being encouraged to get the shot if they are eligible.

6. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval for acquisition of two parcel lots on Morrow.

The Board discussed the possible purchase of the two parcels on Morrow for use by the school. Upon motion by Leanette Henagan, seconded by Nancy Diggs, the Board unanimously agreed to exploring the option of a purchase with Manuel Robles recuses himself from the vote.

7. Report on status of insurance premium refund was tabled to the next meeting.
8. Discussion regarding process and items for consideration on performance review of President was tabled to the next meeting.
9. Scheduling of future meetings.

The next Board meetings are scheduled for February 23, March 23 and April 20, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.