

Meeting Minutes for Desert Heights Charter Schools
Regular Governing Board Meeting
June 30, 2020
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board for the Desert Heights Charter Schools was held on June 30, 2020, at Desert Heights Elementary School, virtual access and in the Staff Lounge, 5821 W. Beverly Lane, Glendale, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

1. Public Comment

No public comments

2. Consent Items

Minutes for May 26,, 2020 regular meeting were approved

3. Operational Update Report

Mark Jiles provided the President's Report.

Desert Heights is looking at options for the next school year. Everything is up in the air as the state continues to update and change its requirements. The staff at the school is working diligently to stay up with all of the possibilities. It is apparent that if the school continues to grow in the manner that it has been, additional space is going to be needed. At this time there are a total of 960 students that will be attending school in some form or another.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Presentation by Arizona Group regarding insurance.

Upon motion by Nancy Diggs, seconded by Leanette Henagan, the Board unanimously approved the liability insurance proposal.

Arizona Group then presented the options for health insurance. Our current insurance is proposed a 7.8% premium increase. Arizona Group also presented an alternative proposal where the OAP PPO 4K plan would be dropped and the OAP PPA 5K plan with the LP network would be added. The alternative proposal

has a 6.8% increase over current, but it is possible that the actual savings will be much greater should there be migration to the LP network.

5. Request to approve proposed 2020-2021 budget.

A discussion occurred. Upon motion by Margaret Martin, seconded by Manuel Robles, the budget was unanimously approved.

6. Discussion regarding process for performance evaluation of President and Duties of President as well as where do we go from here.

Discussion occurred. It was agreed that with the many issues that are occurring at this time, this is a very hard thing to do. All agreed that President Jiles was doing a good job of keeping things moving in a very fluid time. The Board needs to look at how we foresee future challenges, what does the school look like 5 years down the road.

7. 301 adjustments for the 2019-2020 payout amounts

Katie Miller explained the issues that were created by school not being completed in person and with normal testing not be completed.

Upon motion by Manuel Robles and seconded by Sherri Blanton, the Board unanimously approved a one-time change in the process for calculating the 2019-2020 301 adjustments for teachers.

8. Change to 2020-2021 school calendar

The state has moved the possible start date for in person classes to August 17. The school is making the necessary adjustments. Upon motion by Nancy Diggs, seconded by Sherri Blanton, the Board unanimously approved all the necessary changes to the calendar.

9. Approval of Desert Heights Parent/Student Handbooks

Upon motion by Manuel Robles, seconded by Sherri Blanton, the Board unanimously approved the updated parent/student handbook.

10. Future meeting dates

The Board agreed to a future meeting date of August 11, 2020.

11. Adjournment

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