

MINUTES

Discovery Health Sciences Foundation Board of Directors Monday, September 21, 2020, 4:15 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Discovery Health Sciences Foundation, Inc. is held electronically to discuss matters that are critical to continuation of the business of Discovery Schools and that are not able to be postponed due to legal requirements or other deadlines.

I. Call to Order

Ms. Hollis called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM.

II. Roll Call

	<i>Board of Directors</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
1	Emily Arata		X
2	Joe Caldarrera		X
3	Patty Glaser, ex officio member	X	
4	Diane Hollis, Chair	X	
5	Jim Hudson		X
6	Vinicio Madrigal		X
7	Jeanne Monte	X	
8	Lynda Nugent Smith, Vice-chair	X	
9	Lacey Seymour Ellis	X	
10	Henry Shane		X
11	Allison Sharai	X	
12	David Sherman	X	
13	Ronnie Slone	X	
14	Wayne Thomas, Treasurer	x	
15	Chuck Toney, Jr.	X *4:43	
16	Beth Walker		x

*indicates time joined meeting if arrived after meeting was called to order.

Non-Board members in attendance: Christy Aymami (IT), Faith Broussard (development), Natalie Newton (development), Sharon Preen (CAO), and Don Wheat (CFO).

III. Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Nugent Smith

IV. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Hollis explains the process for public comments for Board meetings. Public comments can be submitted prior to Board meetings by sending comments to public.comment@discoveryhsf.org. The public comments will be read aloud. In addition, as we move through the agenda, Ms. Hollis will open public comments before all items that requires a Board vote.
- b. Ms. Hollis opens it up for public comment. No public comment.

- c. Natalie Newton reads aloud a public comment from Ms. Nicole Alleman submitted via email prior to the meeting. Ms. Hollis thanks Ms. Alleman for her comment.
- V. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. **Ms. Hollis states there is one correction for the August minutes. Joe Calderera was marked as absent when he was present for the meeting. A motion to approve the amended August meeting minutes made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Nugent Smith. Ms. Hollis opens it up for public comment. No public comment. The August minutes are approved by a unanimous vote.**
- VI. CFO Report, Don Wheat
 - a. Mr. Wheat distributed financial statements to the Board members via email and hard copies to anyone attending in person. Mr. Wheat asks the Board if they have any questions regarding the financials. There are no questions/comments from the Board.
- VII. Treasurer's Report, Wayne Thomas
 - a. Nothing to report.
- VIII. Friends of Discovery Report, Wayne Thomas
 - a. Nothing to add to previous report.
- IX. Director of Strategic Development – Natalie Newton
 - a. Ms. Newton gives update on New Schools for Baton Rouge (NSBR). Ms. Newton presents to the Board and provides an overview of the timeline.
Ms. Hollis opens public comment. No public comment. Ms. Nugent Smith motions to for a resolution in support of NSBR partnership. Mr. Thomas seconds the motion. Resolution of support for NSBR partnership is approved unanimously.
 - b. Ms. Newton gives an overview of the Emeril Foundation grant DJOD is applying to.
- X. CAO/Asst. Head of School, Sharon Preen
 - a. Ms. Preen goes over the Safe Return to School plan. Students will return to in person learning on Monday, September 28, 2020.
- XI. CEO/Head of School Report, Patty Glaser
 - a. Dr. Glaser distributed a report via email to the Board prior to the meeting. Dr. Glaser reminds the main reason for closing was staffing issues due to COVID exposure and having those people quarantine. Dr. Glaser asks for a revision of the data matrix. Ms. Hollis opens for public comment. No public comment. Mr. Toney asked, "What entity was the policy re closing/deep clean/ contact tracing come from?" Dr. Glaser responds the school is required to report to the Department of Health. **Ms. Hollis motions to approve revised data matrix for opening and closing Discovery Schools. Ms. Nugent Smith first, Mr. Slone seconds. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - b. Dr. Glaser goes over the gradual Safe Return to School plan. On Monday K-4 return daily, 5th-12th return for alternating days.
 - c. BESE Act 9 – **Mr. Slone motioned to amend the schools interim COVID policy (see report for details). Ms. Nugent Smith seconds. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
 - d. CMO updates
 - e. Dr. Glaser proposes the IT suite at the Loyola campus to be named "The Roger Champagne IT Center" in memory of past Board member, Roger Champagne who helped form our IT department. Dr. Glaser also proposes a plaque to be placed near the loading dock area in memory of Glenn Guillot. Mr. Guillot was a plant manager for Discovery and recently passed away.
 - f. Discovery is providing the space for the reception for Dr. Gray to welcome him to the role of Jefferson Parish superintendent.

- g. Thank you to Henry and Pat Shane for the beautiful art donated to the school.

Ms. Sharai asked if KDHSA would be allowed to use the DJOD gym. DJOD's gym is designed for middle school sports, thus Dr. Glaser does not think it is sufficient for high school competition.

A motion made by Ms. Nugent Smith, seconded by Mr. Thomas to postpone the "Old Business" agenda item to the October meeting when the school's legal counsel can be present. Ms. Hollis opens the meeting for public comment. No public comment. The motion passed unanimously

XII. New Business
None

XIII. Adjournment

Ms. Hollis moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM.