

THE DELTA ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2020
N. LAS VEGAS, NV 89030

Present:

Morlon Greenwood
Jackie Locks
Alma Vining

Guests:

Kyle Konold
Bruce Congleton
Mary Congleton
Lashon Fredricks
Jesse Fox

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order by Mr. Morlon Greenwood and roll call.
 - b. A quorum was declared.
2. Approval of minutes from July 14, 2020
Motion to Approve: Jackie Locks Second: Alma Vining Vote: Unanimous
3. 2020-2021 School Reopening and Expansion Plans
Dr. Konold presented the board with several designs and quotes outlining the plan to place four modulars on the property. This would give the school two additional regular classrooms, one additional soundproof classroom, and a larger, new computer lab. All portables are “wet portables” which mean they all have plumbing with full functioning restrooms inside. The soundproof classroom will be used for the Rock Academy of Performing Arts. Students enrolled in the Rock Academy of Performing Arts would be online students at Delta Academy with the performing arts serving as sort of a magnet program. The curriculum will be online and students will report to campus Monday - Friday, three hours per day dedicated to their performing arts work. The small portables are leased for \$2,000 a month and the large one is \$4,000 a month.

Mrs. Vining asked about what security measures would be taken for a portable that housed the computer lab. Dr. Konold explained that all portables would be completely fenced in away from the main street, set up with security cameras and an alarm system that is tied into the main building's security system. The Lab can hold 60 students and up to four teachers/aides when there are not any COVID restrictions.

Ms. Locks expressed her interest in helping find students for the performing arts program.

Dr. Konold explained that as of right now, there is not a reopening date set. Delta has reopening plans ready when the Governor and District decide it is safe to reopen for face-to-face instruction.

It was addressed that teachers and school staff are in line to receive a COVID vaccine after frontline and medical workers have received their vaccines.

Mrs. Vining motioned to approve the expansion plans and leases of the portables classrooms. Second: Jackie Locks Vote: Unanimous

4. CPA Audit Report

Dr. Konold reviewed the CPA audit report with the board members and provided them with copies. In fiscal year 2020, Delta Academy had an ending balance of \$678,000.

The CPA firm listed two findings from the auditors. The first item noted a lack of oversight of management pertaining to the approval of management salaries and additional compensations. Dr. Konold's contract states that his pay will increase every year by one step. In the summer of 2018, Dr. Konold froze all administrative pay increases to help remedy budget shortfall. Then in 2019, he reinstated the step increases for all administrators. This was all done without board approval so the auditors have said these actions need board approval in the future. The Board members have now been informed and have a copy of Dr. Konold's contract.

The second finding noted that Delta Academy did not follow state and federal policies regarding procurement and purchasing equipment with federal grant funds. Moving forward the school will be sure to allow at least three separate bids for any federal grants and will accept the lowest bid. Mr. Greenwood asked for a motion to approve the CPA audit.

Motion to approve: Jackie Locks Second: Alma Vining Vote: Unanimous

5. Superintendent Performance Review

Board President Mr. Morlon Greenwood asked for a motion to approve a vote of confidence for Superintendent Konold with his current salary and additional compensation.

Motion to approve: Jackie Locks Second: Alma Vining Vote: Unanimous

6. Current Financial Status and FY21 Budget Amendment

Dr. Konold presented the board with an amended 2021 budget to reflect reduced revenue due to the elimination of many state grants. The DSA revenue also was reduced as Delta is experiencing lower than usual student enrollment growth due to COVID-19. Along with a reduction in revenue there has been an increase in expenditures in preparation for the facility expansion. Dr. Konold reported that the amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year shows an ending balance of \$563,000. This is down from the previously approved

budget's \$1,624,880 ending balance. These funds will be designated for a long-term capital improvement campaign which includes the school expansion plans.

Motion to approve the FY21 Budget Amendment: Alma Vining Second: Jackie Locks

Vote: Unanimous

7. School Investment Strategy

In preparation for this board meeting, Dr. Konold requested guidance from the Kaempfer Crowell Law Firm regarding any legal barriers to investing public funds. The law firm submitted their guidance in a letter which was provided to all board members. The firm cited numerous Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) regulations that govern school financing. They concluded that Delta can invest its funds, but only if the investments are the types that can be maintained in FDIC or NCUSIF insured accounts. Dr. Konold stated that all investments would be overseen by a certified financial advisor and auditor in order to remain in line with all state and federal laws. Dr. Konold needs the board approval to be allowed to legally invest funds.

Motion to approve moving forward with creating an investment strategy that will be presented at a future board meeting: Jackie Locks Second: Alma Vining

Vote: Unanimous

8. Administrators Report

Dr. Konold reminded board members of their required affidavits and background checks to be sent to the school.

Mr. Congleton addressed the board in saying that even though it has been an odd and difficult year, administration and staff have done very well with adapting. High school students have adapted better than middle school students. All teachers remain vigilant in trying to make contact with every student, every week. Mrs. Lashon Fredricks explained that all teachers are required to contact a certain group of students each week and if they are unreachable, then the administration and school social worker reach out to these ones to provide academic, physical, and mental health resources.

9. Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment or discussion.

10. Adjournment

Motion to approve: Alma Vining

Second: Jackie Locks

Vote: Unanimous