

Meeting Minutes for Desert Heights Charter Schools
Regular Governing Board Meeting
October 4, 2018
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board for the Desert Heights Charter Schools, was held on July 12, 2018, at Desert Heights Preparatory Academy, Bldg. 600, 3540 W. Union Hills Drive, Glendale, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Manuel Robles, present
Sherrie Blanton, present
Nancy Diggs, present
Margaret Martin, present
Mark Jiles, absent

1. Public Comment

Per Board Policy, time has been set aside for public comment, an opportunity for people to express their views or concerns on matters of board governance to the entire board in a public setting.

One parent, Elaine M. and her daughter Scarlett were present. She praised the Board on the way her daughter's transition from home schooling to becoming a member of the Desert Heights community was dealt with. They were very pleased with everything that had transpired to date.

2. Consent Items

Consent items are considered by a single motion with no discussion. All other items will be considered individually.

Minutes for the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved

3. Operational Update Report

The Annual Investor Call will be scheduled in early November.

Funding for the Operating Reserve has been resumed.

The AdvanceED accreditation renewal for the high school is scheduled for November 6 and 7, 2018.

ADE has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education regarding an audit finding related to Title 1-A allocations and Desert Heights has been identified as being underfunded. The funds necessary to bring the school up to date will be distributed over one to four years beginning with FY19. The amount of the funds is undetermined at this time.

Fundraising dollars for the high school will go towards the purchase of new outdoor bleachers and the charter's funding goal is to purchase turf for the fishbowl.

Monthly walkthroughs have been scheduled for better management of maintenance and upkeep of facilities

Our insurance provider will be covering the expense of repairing the batting cage, goal posts and netting on the high school football field.

A possible board member has been identified and will be meeting with Mr. Jiles after the fall break.

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the FY 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report.

Upon motion by Margaret Martin, seconded by Sherrie Blanton, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2017-18 Annual Financial Report.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the McKinney Veto Contract.

Upon motion by Nancy Diggs, seconded by Sherrie Blanton, the Board unanimously approved the modifications to the Contract to provide parents with more information regarding their responsibility.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a change to the dismissal time for Kindergarten.

Upon motion by Margaret Martin, seconded by Nancy Diggs, the Board unanimously approved the change to Kindergarten dismissal time to 3 p.m., effective no later than the beginning of the new school year and with the caveat that if this could be implemented sooner, that it should be done.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a solar shade carport project.

Manuel Robles will meet with the vendor to see if this project might be beneficial to the school.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding future DHCS Board meeting date.

The Board tentatively approved the following dates: November 15, 2018, December 20, 2018, January 24, 2019, March 14, 2019, April 18, 2019 and May 23, 2019. The Board will finalize this item at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

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