

# Findlay Digital Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2019

12:00 PM

The Board of Directors of the Findlay Digital Academy met in a regular session at 12:00 PM at Findlay Digital Academy, 1219 West Main Cross, Findlay, Ohio. 45840.

President, Ms. Bash called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Board members present were as follows: Ms. Bash, Pastor Delacruz, Mr. Miller, Rev. Miller, Dr. Wannemacher, Mrs. Rooker (FDA Executive Director), Mr. Earnest (School Treasurer), Secretary: Michael Brand (FDA Principal)

Absent Board members were as follows: Ms. LaRocco, Board Member; Mr. Martin, Board Member

Visitors: Brian J. DeSantis, Esq. (Pepple and Waggner, Ltd.)

## **2019-12-001 Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Wannemacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 3, 2019

Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Absent; Mr. Martin, Absent; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye.

Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

**Public Participation:** No Public attended the meeting.

**Correspondence:** Rosemary Rooker shared she received a letter from our sponsor superintendent, Ed Kurt who congratulated FDA for earning 95% of possible points on their annual High Stakes Review. Rosemary also shared a letter of resignation from Mr. Martin, one of our FDA School Board members.

## **2019 -12 002 Approve Zachary Thomas as FDA Board Member**

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Wannemacher to approve Zachary Thomas as our new FDA board member.

Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Absent; Mr. Martin, Absent; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye.

## **2019-12-003 Consent Items**

- A. Monthly Financial Report  
The Treasurer recommends that the October Monthly Financial Report be approved as presented in Exhibit A
- B. 2020 Board Meeting Dates  
The Executive Director recommends that the 2020 Board Meeting Dates be approved as presented in Exhibit B
- C. Approval of Plan for Student Wellness and Success Funding  
The Executive Director recommends the approval of the plan for Student Wellness and Success Funding as presented in Exhibit C
- D. Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services  
The Executive Director recommends that the Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock County ADAMHS Board for consultation on Student Wellness and Success Funding be approved as presented in Exhibit D
- E. Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock County Children's Mentoring Connections  
The Executive Director recommends that the Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Mentoring Connection for consultation on Student Wellness and Success Funding be approved as presented in Exhibit E
- F. Acceptance of Non-Competitive award from Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services  
The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of a Non-Competitive award of \$1,000.00 from the ADAMHS board to support youth-led prevention initiatives at Findlay Digital Academy as presented in Exhibit F
- G. Update Policy IN: Academic Achievement/Prevention/Intervention  
The Executive Director recommends removing the current Academic Achievement/Prevention/Intervention policy and replacing it with Academic Prevention/Intervention Services as shown in Exhibit G
- H. Acceptance of Policy GGG: Alcohol and Drug Free Schools  
The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of Policy GGG: Alcohol and Drug Free Schools as presented in Exhibit H
- I. Revised Policy JCCC: Student Discipline Code of Conduct  
The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of revised policy JCCC: Student Discipline Code of Conduct as presented in Exhibit I
- J. Update Policy JH: Habitual Truancy Intervention Strategies  
The Executive Director recommends removing the current Truancy policy and replacing it with Habitual Truancy Intervention Strategies as shown in Exhibit J
- K. Update Policy IU: Graduation Requirements  
The Executive Director recommends removing the current Graduation Requirements policy and replacing it with Graduation/Diploma Requirements as shown in Exhibit K
- L. Acceptance of Policy EI: Service Animals  
The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of Policy EI: Service Animals as presented in Exhibit L
- M. Update Policy IHH: Special Accommodations for Student Assessment

The Executive Director recommends removing the Alternate State Assessment for Students with Disabilities policy and replacing it with Special Accommodations for Student Assessments as shown in Exhibit M

N. Acceptance of Policy DT: Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Insurance Policy

The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of Policy DT: Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Insurance Policy as presented in Exhibit N

O. Acceptance of Policy DU: Appointment of The Fiscal Officer

The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of Policy DU: Appointment of The Fiscal Officer Policy as presented in Exhibit O

P. Revised Policy JG: Student Attendance/Absences and Excuses

The Executive Director recommends the acceptance of revised policy JG: Student Attendance/Absences and Excuses as presented in Exhibit P

Q. Resolution for Compensation of Board of Education Members

The Executive recommends a Resolution for Compensation of Board of Education Members of Findlay Digital Academy to follow past practice of waiving compensation for Board of Education service be approved

It was moved by Pastor Delacruz and seconded by Reverend Miller to approve the consent items A-Q.

Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Absent; Mr. Martin, Absent; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye.

Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

### **Discussion Items**

The following items were discussed by the Board.

- Millstream Career Center Agreement for Excess Costs for County Students (Exhibit Q)
  - Motion made by Dr. Wannemacher to accept the agreement for Millstream Excess Costs for non Findlay City School residents, seconded by Bill Miller.
  - Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Absent; Mr. Martin, Absent; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye.
  - Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.
- “Operator” discussion with the Ohio Department of Education
  - Brian J DeSantis gave board updated information about the ongoing discussion with ODE. Brian will work with the FDA Board Vice President, Dr. Wannemacher to resolve this issue.
- Enrollment
  - Current enrollment of 163 students
- Climate Data (Exhibit R)
- State Audit
  - Superintendent, Rosemary Rooker and Treasurer, Stephen Earnest are working with the State Auditor’s office and providing information as requested.

- System of Care Project
  - Michael Brand shared that two FDA students are involved in this project.
- E School Funding Update (Exhibit S)
- DOPR Workgroup Update
  - Summary provided of the recommendations made by the workgroup
  - Recommendations will be presented to the Ohio Board of Ed at their December board meeting, and they will vote on these in January.
- Credentialing Options for 2020-2021
  - Rosemary Rooker and Michael Brand are meeting with Owens and JFS to discuss developing credentialing opportunities for FDA students for 2020-2021
- 22+ Program Update-no report
- Education Forum
  - Rosemary will be part of a panel with other community members to discuss the collaborative efforts in our community.
- Testing Update
- CCIP/OIP Update

### **Sponsor Update**

- No Sponsor Update was provided at this meeting.

### **Executive Session** – None Requested

### **Open Meeting and Public Records Training**

Brian J. DiSantis, of Pepple and Waggoner, LTD. presented a training to the Board on “Public Records and Open Meetings”. A handout was presented for this training. The following Board members were present for the training: Ms. Bash, Pastor Delacruz, Mr. Miller, Rev. Miller, Dr. Wannemacher, and Ms. LaRocco attended the training via telephone. Also in attendance were Treasurer: Stephen Earnest, Principal: Michael Brand and Superintendent: Rosemary Rooker

### **Executive Director Comments**

Mrs. Rooker shared that she and several of the FDA staff will be attending the Hancock County Educational Collaborative on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Winebrenner. Mrs Rooker is one of the panelists, joining Randy Gardner, Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, to share how we are working collaboratively for our students, our school and our community success. Randy Gardner will then be visiting the academy.

Mrs. Rooker wished one and all a safe and happy holiday season.


### **2019-12-004 Adjournment**


It was moved by Dr. Wannemacher and seconded by Reverend Miller to adjourn the regular meeting on December 5, 2019 at 2:05 PM.

Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Absent; Mr. Martin, Absent; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye

Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

Next Findlay Digital Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.

  
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President

  
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Treasurer

Read and Approved

