

Findlay Digital Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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 12:01 PM.

Board members present were as follows: President Ms. Bash, Vice-President Dr. Wannemacher, Pastor Delacruz, Rev. Miller, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. LaRocco, Mrs. Rooker (FDA Executive Director), Mr. Earnest (School Treasurer) via phone, Mr. Kurtz (Findlay City Schools Superintendent), and Secretary: Michael Brand (FDA Principal)

Absent Board members were as follows: Mr. Bill O. Miller

Visitors: No visitors were present.

2020-02-001 Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Rev. Delacruz and seconded by Rev. Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2019.

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

Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

Public Participation: No Public attended the meeting.

Correspondence:

- Mrs. Rooker shared correspondence from the Ohio Department of Education that was received on January 13, 2020. The letter confirmed that Findlay Digital Academy has been approved for the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Report Card Designation for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Mrs. Rooker and Mr. Ernest shared a Management Letter from the State Auditor for the financial audit that was completed in December. The letter discussed a finding related to a financial statement's requirement. (This was related to monies from the 22+ program that were collected and how they were receipted.). Recommendations were made in the letter that suggests a system to avoid this in the future. Mr. Ernest shared that there was no official guidance information from the State as to where to place this money until the recommendation from the State Auditor's office.

2020-02-002 Consent Items

- A. **Monthly Financial Report**
The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report be accepted as presented in Exhibit A.
- B. **2020-2021 School Calendar**
The Superintendent recommends that the 2020-2021 calendar be approved as presented in Exhibit B.
- C. **Racial and Ethnic Balance Review**
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Racial and Ethnic Balance Review as presented in Exhibit C
- D. **Acceptance of K-12 Prevention Education Partner Agreement**
The Superintendent recommends the acceptance of the K-12 Prevention Education Partner Agreement between Findlay Digital Academy and Hancock County ADAMHS Board as presented in Exhibit D
- E. **Approval of the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Owens Community College for 2020-2021**
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Owens Community College for the 2020-2021 school year as presented in Exhibit E
- F. **Employment of Instructional Coaches**
The Superintendent recommends the approval of employment of Steve McAdoo and Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey as Instructional Coaches to be purchased through Findlay City Schools, at the rate of \$22.43 per hour on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of Findlay City Board of Education.
- G. **Financial Review and Oversight**
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Financial Review and Oversight Policy as presented in Exhibit H.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Rev. Delacruz to approve the consent items A-G.

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

Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

Discussion Items

The following items were discussed by the Board.

- Update on “operator” discussions with the Ohio Department of Education

- Dr. Wannemacher and Mr. Earnest have been in communication with FDA attorney Brian DeSantis to resolve this issue. The Ohio Department of Education has worked with Mr. DeSantis and come to an agreement

Motion was made by Dr. Wannemacher and seconded by Mrs. LaRocco for the FDA board to work with Brian DeSantis to develop the appropriate language to be added to the agreement with the Hancock County Educational Service Center in the matter of Mrs. Rooker's employment agreement.

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

- Update on School Audit from the State of Ohio
 - Policy was approved in consent item G to address and meet the recommendation made by the State Auditor's office.
- Current Enrollment
 - Total enrollment of 167 students with an additional 3 student applications pending.
 - 24% of these students are from outside of the Findlay City School District
- Climate Data (Exhibit F)
 - Data reviewed. Credits earned have increased since first semester.
 - Attendance in the lab continues to be strong.
- 2019-2020 FTE Update/True Up
 - Rosemary is working with our data coordinator, Betsy Faeth to do adjustments so that we can avoid an end of the year claw back.
- Graduation May 24, 2020 MCPA
 - Please let Rosemary know if you will be attending.
- Update on DOPR Workgroup Final Report
 - Copy of workgroup power point was distributed and discussed.
- Update of E School Funding Report from the ODE (Exhibit G)
 - Copy of funding report was distributed and discussed
- Update on E School Legislative Funding Bill
 - Rosemary shared that there is discussion of adding an amendment to a current bill that recommends the three-tiered funding model.
 - Rosemary is expecting to testify in front of the education committee in support of this amendment.
- CCIP/OIP
- 22+ Program Update
 - Current numbers were shared.
 - Program continues to grow in numbers however completion of courses is low.

Sponsor Update

- Legal Update – Mr. Ed Kurtz shared information that was received at a Community School Legal Update on December 13, 2019. The main topic was concerning Medical Marijuana, CBD Oil, Vaping, and E Cigarettes

- Legislative DOPR Workgroup – Mr Kurt updated the Board on his role on this committee. The first meeting was cancelled but he will be attending a meeting this week. He will update the FDA board as information becomes available.

Executive Session – None Requested

2020-02-003 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Rev. Miller to adjourn the regular meeting on February 11, 2020 at 1:17 PM.

Roll call: Ms. Bash, Aye; Pastor Delacruz, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye; Mr. Miller, Absent; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye.
Ms. Bash declared the motion carried.

Next Findlay Digital Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.

Kimberly Bash

President



Treasurer

Read and Approved