

Findlay Digital Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2021

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.

Vice President, Dr. Wannemacher called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

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

Absent Board members were as follows: Rev. Miller,

Visitors: Brian DiSantas via phone

2021-02-001 Elections

It was moved by Ms. LaRocco and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the nomination of Kim Bash as Board President.

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

Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the nomination of Eddie Wannemacher as Board Vice-President.

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

Motion passed.

2021-02-002 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. LaRocco to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 3, 2020.

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

Motion passed.

Public Participation: None requested

Correspondence:

Board Members – No Report

Superintendent, Rosemary Rooker - We received a letter from the ODE on January 22, 2021 that after review of enrollment data, FDA has met the requirements to receive the dropout prevention and recovery report card designation.

Treasurer, Stephen Earnest – No report provided

2021-02-003 Consent Items

- A. Monthly Financial Report
The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report be accepted as presented in Exhibit A.
- B. 2021-2022 School Calendar
The Superintendent recommends that the 2021-2022 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. Approval of the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Owens Community College for 2021-2022
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Owens Community College for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in Exhibit D
- E. Review & Re-adoption of Policy IN Academic Prevention/Intervention Services
The Superintendent recommends the re-adoption of Policy IN Academic Prevention/Intervention Services as presented in Exhibit E.
- F. Review & Re-adoption of Policy IG Special Education Policy
The Superintendent recommends the re-adoption of Policy IG Special Education Policy as presented in Exhibit F.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Consent Items A-F.

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

Motion passed.

Sponsor Update

Legal Update:

- HB 123 School Safety Training
- HB 404 Covid-19 Related Provisions
- HB 409 Student Attendance -Online Schools
- HB 305 (Cupp/Patterson school funding bill)

Discussion Items:

- **Update on new board membership** – We are required to have 5 members, we currently have 6 members. Would prefer to wait and add someone in August.
- **Update on School Audit from the State of Ohio** – The final report was sent on January 20, 2021. (Troy, Kimberly, Missy, Zach, Steve, and Rosemary were all part of the exit meeting.) There were “no findings”
- **Current Enrollment** – We currently have 167 students with 3 pending. 19% of the students are from county schools.
- **2020-2021 FTE Review** – Due to participating in the E School Funding Pilot, we are now scheduled for a year-end FTE review for June 8, 2021.
- **School Safety Grant Ohio Attorney General Office** – We are eligible for \$2,500.00. Michael and Rosemary are working on this and submitted for a new Communication Alert System.
- **Graduation May 29, 2021 MCPA** – Currently, options are to do similar to last year or we can have up to 25 people on stage and 200 in the audience. We will talk again in March.
- **Update on Pilot Program for DOPR E School (HB 123)** – A virtual meeting held last week to discuss details. The GRADS Coalition has 5 of the 6 schools participating and had a call this morning. We will continue to work on clarifying and collecting the data requested. One positive is that they already have access to quite a bit of the data already.
- **Vaccination Update for FDA Employees/Hancock County Schools** – We are receiving information from the HCESC. 20 staff members have signed up for a vaccine. At this time it looks like the vaccination will happen the last week of February.
- **CCIP/OIP** – We are keeping up with the changes and making adjustments as needed.
- **22+ Program Update** – We have begun to receive revenue. Currently have 19 actively working with 2 prospective students. We are being selective in the people we add this late in the year. Mark Willeke and Barb Ebersole are doing a good job.

2021-02-004 Executive Session

The Governing Board President recommends that the board move into Executive Session to conference with their attorney to discuss possible disputes that are subject to pending or imminent court action.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. LaRocco to go into Executive Session.

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

Motion carried. The FDA Board went into Executive Session at 12:45 PM.

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Thomas to come out of Executive Session.

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

Motion carried. The FDA Board came out of Executive Session at 1:07 PM.

Executive Director Comments: None were shared.

Board Comments: None were shared.

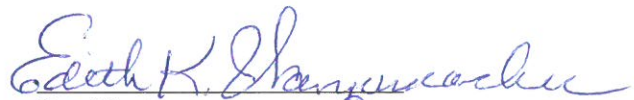
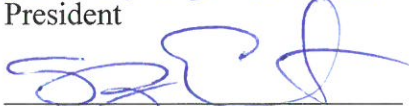
2021-02-004 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the regular meeting on February 4, 2021 at 1:17 PM.

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

Meeting Concluded

Next Findlay Digital Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.


President

Treasurer

Read and Approved