

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School
9560 Hwy 33 Farmerville, LA 71241
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024
5:30 PM

I. Call to order/prayer/pledge.

II. Roll call.

K Neese: Present, M. Barrios: Present, D McClendon: Present, B Simpson-Present, R. Willis-Present, A. Anderson: Present, A Hudson: Present L Proctor: Absent

III. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held February 26, 2024.

a. Motion: B. Simpson Second: R. Willis Passed

IV. Executive Director's Report.

School is preparing for Statewide testing. Arrangements are being made. Will begin with 3rd grade. Budget has been reviewed. They believe that there is \$3 million that can be used to add new Ag Building and Field house while leaving a healthy balance. Will work towards coming up with designs and will present to board for approval. It is a possibility to do turf baseball infields if we cover softball fields with the help of a corporate sponsor. We also need lighting upgrades.

He is headed to Baton Rouge for Charter School Day at the Capitol, March 19-21. They are voting on a charter school package that will come up this week. This will include a fund to lend to charter schools at a low interest rate.

V. Finance Report. Jan reviewed financials with the board.

VI. Discuss and take action to add Juneteenth and July 4th summer holidays for 12-month employees and Memorial Day for 10-month employees.

Juneteenth has been a federal holiday for 2 years. But was not included in previous policy.

Motion: A. Anderson Second: A. Hudson Passed

VII. Amenda Agenda to go into executive session to discuss personnel issue.

Motion: A. Anderson Second: D. McClendon Passed

VIII. Motion to go into executive session.

Motion: A. Anderson Second: B. Simpson Passed

IX. Motion to come out of executive session.

Motion: A. Anderson Second: R. Willis Passed

X. Discuss and take action to approve resignations/terminations and new hires.

Motion: D. McClendon Second: A. Anderson Passed

XI. Discuss and take action to approve an increase from 10 to 12 sick days per year for 10-month and 12-month employees.

Laura surveyed other schools to see what others were doing in our region. They all had a minimum of 12 days. Mr. Postel stated that they are reviewing policy to increase retention.

Motion: B. Simpson Second: R. Willis Passed

XII. Discuss and take action to approve obtaining a credit card with Origin Bank to be primarily used for travel expenses.

Jan advised DWCS had a credit card previously from Origin Bank but it kept getting hacked. They changed to Capital One but it has a much lower credit limit. This causes issues when multiple people are traveling. They would like to try again with Origin Bank.

Motion: R. Willis Second: B. Simpson Passed

XIII. Adjourn.

Motion: D. McClendon Second: A. Anderson Passed

Jan Postel
4/22/24

Kimi A. Nelson