

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School  
9560 Hwy 33 Farmerville, LA 71241  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2024, 5:30 PM

- I. Call to order/prayer/pledge.
- II. Roll call.  
K Neese: Present, M. Barrios: Present, R. Willis-Present, A Hudson: Present B Simpson-Present, A. Anderson: Present, D McClendon: Present, L Proctor: Present
- III. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 20, 2024.  
Motion: B.Simpson Second: L.Proctor Passed
- IV. Executive Director's Report.  
Portable building has been delivered. They are waiting on Engineer's report and other items to complete project. A secure receiving room has been created, School floors have been waxed. Property Acquisition discussed at last meeting is continuing. Doug will complete walkthrough. They are in conversation about additional adjoining property. Owner is willing to entertain offer.  
School is hiring a new music person. Will allow for expansion of band, choir and drama, Hope to have a full music program in the future.
- V. Finance Report.  
Jan mentioned that we paid out tax pay and merit which has created a deficit in this report. There is still a surplus in the lunch program, and she may use for refrigerators. We can buy equipment but have no place for a stove. Since this is mostly federal funds, we can only carry 6 months of operating expenses. The reason for a surplus is that during COVID all lunches were free and reimbursements were larger  
  
She is also moving \$500,000 from general fund to Capital projects for costs with portable building,
- VI. Discuss and take action to approve the 23-24 Revised Budget for General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.  
  
Jan reviewed revised budget with board. She offered to provide board with 5 year budget plan if requested.  
  
Motion: R. Willis Second: A Anderson Passed
- VII. Discuss and take action to approve the 24-25 Food services Management Contract with Elior (Aviands)  
It was discussed that we are in year 4. Contract has gone up by \$64,000

Motion: A. Anderson      Second: D. McClendon   Passed

- VIII. Discuss and take action to approve the 24-25 paid student and adult prices  
No discussion.

Motion: R. Willis      Second: A. Anderson   Passed

- IX. Discuss and take action to approve the new position(s) of Social Worker, Music(High School).  
School only has one LPC and needed another social worker to work with Elementary students. Mary Louisa will work with High School. With these positions, we can apply for reimbursement with Medicaid.

Motion: A. Anderson      Second: A. Hudson   Passed

- X. Motion was made to amend # 10 to also approve 12-month employees.

Motion: A. Anderson      Second: D. McClendon   Passed

- XI. Discuss and take action to approve new hires, resignations and contracts not renewed.

Motion: A. Anderson      Second: B. Simpson   Passed

- XII. Discussion only regarding the new contract renewal with BESE

This was tabled to July Meeting.

- XIII. Discussion only regarding the potential Title IX changes

US department of Education has made changes. K. Neese has read and reviewed. They have added that may not discriminate based on how one determines his/her gender. Louisiana has filed a lawsuit, and injunction has been filed against it. The recommendation is that we do not make any changes at this time but that we maintain contact with our legal counsel. As of now we do not have to abide.

- XIV. Discussion only regarding the addition of the Ten Commandments to classrooms.

This would include a poster in each classroom. This will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not have to do if we do not want to. It will be up to each teacher. There is currently a lawsuit. Our position is that we will wait to see what happens

- XV. Discuss and take action to enter into executive session for an update on a legal matter.

We did not go into executive session. Board was advised that a lawsuit has been filed against us by a former employee. Attorney will continue to monitor situation and will report back to us.

- XVI. Adjourn..

Motion: L. Proctor      Second: B. Simpson   Passed

