

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School
9560 Hwy 33 Farmerville, LA 71241
Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2024, 5:30 PM

- I. Call to order/prayer/pledge.
- II. Roll call.
K Neese: Present, M. Barrios: Present, R. Willis-Present, B. Simpson: Present,
A. Anderson: Present, D McClendon: Present, L Proctor: Present
Absent: A Hudson
- III. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 22, 2024.
Motion: R. Willis Second: B. Simpson Passed
- IV. Executive Director's Report.
The first day went well. Portable buildings are not in yet. Decks are being built and then the fire marshal will inspect. The library is in the process of being moved. The former library will have a stage and ramp with seating for up to 400 people. The former library desk will now be the technology desk. Property adjacent to field- the owners have tentatively agreed to sell. It is now going through succession. The scrimmage game will be on Friday. Season Tickets are available to all board members. We are now in a new district 2A.
- V. Finance Report.
Jan reviewed financials with the board. Surplus for July in General Fund. There is an error that appears on page 4 of the report. There are 2.00 that appear incorrectly in several categories on balance sheets. She is investigating the issue and will update.
- VI. Presentation of the 2024-2025 General Fund and Special Revenue Budgets
Jan reviewed with the board. The actual versus budgeted amounts for last school year were due July 31st. Jan advised that the February count of students, reviewed to determine if budget should be revised during the school year. Budget narrative will be presented at next month, meeting. Items she pointed out to the board: There have been changes in personnel. Esser funds have mostly been depleted. The small amount that remains will be used for computers. Budget also includes purchase of a unit for School Resource Officer. DWCS is responsible for handling that purchase. The vote will take place at next month's meeting.
- VII. Discuss and take action to approve the revised athletic and non-athletic stipend schedule. Board reviewed changes. Research was done to compare it with other school systems. Changes include elimination of Assistant Athletic Director, adjusted power lifting stipend, added soccer-boys only this year. They will look into adding a girls' soccer team possibly next year.

Non-athletic: Testing coordinator will be considered administrative.

Motion: B. Simpson Second: A. Anderson Passed

- VIII. Discuss and take action to adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Policy required by the insurance company for liability insurance.
Our attorney was present, and he recommended the board not to approve due to page 4 paragraph 3. Mandatory reporting is to be done directly to the agency or law enforcement. Those who report are not required to tell anyone else about it. It was agreed to table until next meeting, and attorney will review and make a recommendation.

- IX. Discuss and take action to approve new CECP and Substitute Teacher hires.
The board reviewed the list. The plan is to hire more substitute teachers. The board voted to approve the new hires and extended leave together.

Motion: D. McClendon Second: A. Anderson Passed

- X. Discuss and take action to approve extended sick leave for one employee.
This line item was approved with previous line item.

- XI. Discussion only of the Contract Renewal with BESE.
Board President Kim Neese reviewed the contract renewal with members. She advised that the first 26 pages were standard and specifics for DWCS begin on page 27. Reviewed enrollment table on page 28 and required enrollment percentages on page 29. The board also discussed financial responsibilities. DWCS also will not be participating in Collective bargaining per page number 34 of renewal.

- XII. Discuss and take action to approve entering executive session for a personnel matter.

Motion: R. Willis Second: B. Simpson Passed

- XIII. Discuss and take action to come out of executive session.

Motion: A. Anderson Second: B. Simpson

Passed

- XVI. Adjourn...

Motion: L. Proctor Second: D. McClendon Passed



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