D'Arbonne Woods Charter School
9560 Hwy 33 Farmerville, LA 71241
Board Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026
5:30 PM

I. Call to order/prayer/pledge of Allegiance – The prayer and pledge were dispensed with for times' sake.

II. Roll Call - Present: Kim Neese, Ryan Willis, AnneMarie Anderson, Denise McClendon, Dr. Larry Proctor, April Duke

Absent: Mary Barrios

III. Finance Report -

IV. Discuss and take action to amend the agenda to include voting on a new vice-president for the Board.

A motion was made to amend the agenda by AnneMarie Anderson and a second was made by Denise McClendon. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Ryan Willis volunteered to take the role of vice-president. A motion was made to accept him in this role by AnneMarie Anderson and seconded by Dr. Larry Proctor. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Discuss and take action to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Dr. Larry Proctor and seconded by Denise McClendon to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by AnneMarie Anderson and seconded by Denise McClendon to exit Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Discuss and take action to approve Mrs. A'naliese Towns for the position of the new

Executive Director.

A short report was given by the interview committee. Mrs. Towns spoke about herself for a while. A motion was made by Denise McClendon and seconded by AnneMarie Anderson to elect A'naliese Towns as new Executive Director. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Our enrollment is currently 1007. With this being Mr. Postel's final Board meeting and final report, he gave his appreciation to a lot of people and expressed his thanks to the Board and staff.

VIII. Discuss and take action to approve the 2025-2026 Revised Budget.

Mrs. Jan Coleman presented the Revised Budget in a neat and easy-to-understand format. Each section was discussed.

A motion to approve the budget was made by AnneMarie Anderson and seconded by Dr. Larry Proctor. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Discuss and take action to approve additional color choices for athletics

The colors of navy blue, athletic gold and white will not change. A trim of Carolina blue will now be added.

A motion was made by Ryan Willis and a second was made by Denise McClendon to add Carolina blue to athletic colors. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Discuss and take action to approve the 2026-2027 meal prices.

The required USDA Paid Lunch Equity calculations were used to calculate the price of student meals for 2026-2027. This is an annual calculated that is required by NSLP. Paid breakfasts and lunches will go from:

Breakfast - $2.25 to $2.50

Lunch - $3.00 to $3.50

A motion was made by Denise McClendon and a second was made by Dr. Larry Proctor to accept these changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Discuss and take action to approve the non-athletic stipend revisions.

The student special events coordinator stipend was raised to $1,500 once annually. And the resident teacher stipend was raised to $3,300 once annually with the stipulation that it is only for REACH students, paid once upon the completion of residency within the BA program.

A motion was made by AnneMarie Anderson and a second was made by Ryan Willis to approve these revisions to stipends. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Discuss and take action to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement from LSU Ag Extension for the 4-H program.

This contract will be in effect for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Ms. Kim Neese signed the contract after the meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Larry Proctor and a second was made by Denise McClendon. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Discuss and take action to approve the July 4th holiday to be observed July 6th for 12 month employees.

A motion was made by AnneMarie Anderson and a second by Dr. Larry Proctor to make this change. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Discuss and take action to approve 12 month employees and resignations as well as new employees and non-renewals.

A motion was made by AnneMarie Anderson and a second was made by Denise McClendon to accept these as listed. The motions passed unanimously.

XV. Discussion only of potential new Board members.

One, possibly two persons, have expressed in becoming a new Board member at DWCS. They will have to fill out the application, meet for an interview, and if, voted in the affirmative, undergo a background check before being confirmed.

XVI. Adjourn

A motion was made by AnneMarie Anderson and seconded by Dr. Larry Proctor to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim S. Neese