



MEETING MINUTES

Please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Blum or Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth if you would like to speak about items appearing on the agenda @ scott.blum@dcgschools.com or michelle.wearmouth@dcgschools.com.

Attendance

Voting Members

Ryan Carpenter, President
Monica Malmberg, Vice-President
Brandon McNace, Board Director
Nancy Baker Curtis, Board Director
Nick Fiala, Board Director
Shaylee Vander Velden, Board Director
Meg Dickinson, Board Director

Non-Voting Members

Scott Blum, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Carenza, Associate Superintendent
Michelle Wearmouth, Board Secretary

1. Members present/Acknowledge quorum

Board President Ryan Carpenter called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A roll call was taken by the secretary and a quorum was acknowledged.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ryan Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance for those present.

3. Receive Visitors and Read Miscellaneous Communications

President Carpenter welcomed visitors and asked if there were any visitors who wished to speak to an item on the agenda. No one requested to speak.

4. Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda as published.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024 and the board workshop on September 10, 2024.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

6. Presentation of Bills for Approval

Approve the bills as presented.

Motion made by: Monica Malmberg

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

7. Consent Agenda

Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

a. Open enrollment

b. Contract Approvals / Resignations / Changes

c. Annual Movie Licensing through Swank USA - Renewal

d. LifeTouch Yearbook Agreement 2024-2025

- e. Bound Activities Software Agreement
- f. Vector Solutions Contract
- g. DCG High School Handbook Update
- h. Bus Driver Supplemental Pay Agreements
- i. Lau Plan Annual Review

8. Reports

a. Written Reports

b. Building Level Report Presentation

High School Principal Travis Donahue provided a report to the Board regarding our high school on "DCG Proud" as grounding norms and he reviewed three new goals for the high school. He reviewed several celebrations of successes at the high school from his first year as principal and items from this year also. Finally, he reviewed the new at risk program at the high school and successes in that program.

c. Associate Superintendent

i. State Reporting

Dr. Greg Carenza reviewed state reports filed and upcoming reports.

ii. Professional Development

Dr. Greg Carenza presented an overview of our professional development schedule, success with associate trainings held, and multiple training throughout the district on September 25, 2024.

iii. Anti-Bullying and Harassment Update

Dr. Carenza reviewed multiple training sessions held regarding the recent Anti-Bullying and Harassment policies.

d. Superintendent

i. Building Permits within the District

Dr. Blum reviewed building permits filed within the district.

ii. Enrollment

Dr. Blum reviewed the current enrollment status noting a current increase of 22 students.

iii. Facilities

Dr. Blum reviewed the high school construction project and improvements made to the facility. He noted that the new high school corridor opened today.

iv. Facilities Master Plan

Dr. Blum reviewed work regarding the development of the Facilities Master Plan. He reviewed interviews held with architecture firms to develop this plan and the recommendation will be to hire OPN Architects in an upcoming meeting.

v. Strategic Plan Updates

Dr. Blum reviewed the work to develop the District's Strategic Plan with Teamworks, LLC and multiple stakeholder meetings that were held. Surveys to various groups will go out soon, and feedback will help us to determine the next steps.

vi. IASB Convention and Delegate Assembly

Dr. Blum reviewed the upcoming IASB Convention in November 2024.

vii. Future Meeting Presentations

e. Business Manager

i. Certified Annual Report Review (CAR)

The Certified Annual Report was filed with the Department of Education by September 15, 2024 and includes audited financials. Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth reviewed the Certified Annual Report.

ii. Special Ed. Supplement (SES) to the CAR

Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth reviewed the Special Education Supplement to the Certified Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The deficit increased from \$2,490,869.97 to \$2,494,699.86, a slight increase of \$3,829.89. In New Business, there will be a recommendation to authorize the administration to request modified allowable growth for the deficit balance of \$2,494,699.86.

iii. Annual Transportation Report

Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth reviewed the Annual Transportation Report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

iv. HF 718 Election Changes, and Public vote for VPPEL renewal and Revenue Purpose Statement

Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth reviewed the current Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy which will sunset on June 30, 2026. She also reviewed the Revenue Purpose Statement which was approved on September 9, 2008. Both of these levies need to be presented to the voters for renewal. Mrs. Wearmouth also discussed House File 718 adding changes as to when specific ballot items may be presented to voters. Voted PPEL and RPS ballot issues may not be included on the ballot in November of even numbered years. Due to this, it is suggested that we move to place these issues on the ballot in March 2025. If the board desires to place these two issues on the ballot, the board will need to complete resolutions to call an election in the months ahead.

f. Board Members

9. Old Business

a. 2nd Reading of Listed Policies

Approve the second reading of the listed policies.

501.14. Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Sending District (*IASB Update*)

501.15. Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District (*IASB Update*)

705.08-R(1) Expenditures For A Public Purpose (*Admin Update*)

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

10. New Business

a. Resolution to Set and Publish the Public Hearing for the Proposed Conveyance of Real Property on October 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Approve Resolution to Set Public Hearing for the proposed conveyance of real property on October 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm and to publish the notice of the hearing in the Dallas County News.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Dr. Blum reviewed the James Street widening project that the City of Grimes will undertake.

b. Contract Change Order No. 004 for DCG High School Addition and Renovation

Approve Contract Change Order No. 004 for High School Addition and Renovation - Phase 1 project.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

c. Contract Change Order No. 005 for DCG High School Addition and Renovation

Approve Contract Change No. 005 for the High School Addition and Renovation - Phase I Project.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace

Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

d. 2024-2025 SIAC Committee Members

Approve the list of SIAC Members for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

e. 2024-2025 Teacher Quality (TQ) Committee Members

Approve the 2024-2025 Teacher Quality (TQ) Committee members.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

f. Deny Open Enrollment Out Application

Deny Open Enrollment Out application for TS to ADM due to the application being filed late and not meeting pervasive harassment criteria.

Motion made by: Monica Malmberg
Motion seconded by: Brandon McNace
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

g. 2023-24 Certified Annual Report

Accept into record the Certified Annual Financial Report for FY 2023-24.

Motion made by: Brandon McNace
Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

h. Special Education Supplement and Request to SBRC for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid for a Negative Special Education balance for the 2023-24 school year

Accept into record the 2023-24 Special Education Supplement to the Certified Annual report and request allowable growth and supplemental aid for a negative special education balance for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$2,494,699.86

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis
Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

i. Annual Transportation Report

Accept into record the 2023-2024 Annual Transportation Report.

Motion made by: Nick Fiala
Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

j. Consider Contract with Classroom Clinic and accept UCare Grant to cover costs

Approve the contract agreement with Classroom Clinic to provide services to students for the 24-25 school year, and accept the grant donation from UCare to cover costs associated with Classroom Clinic.

Motion made by: Shaylee Vander Velden
Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

k. DCG HS Art Trip to London, Paris & Rome in March 2027

Approve the 2027 DCG High School Art trip to London, Paris and Rome on March 11, 2027 through March 20, 2027.

Motion made by: Monica Malmberg
Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

l. DCG World Language Trip to Paris, Provence and Barcelona in March 2026

Approve the 2026 DCG High School World Language trip to Paris, Provence and Barcelona on March 13, 2026 through March 23, 2026.

Motion made by: Nancy Baker Curtis
Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

m. First Reading of Listed Policies

Approve the first reading of listed policies that were updated to align with current law and administrative changes noting small changes to two policies.

405.06. Licensed Employee Assignment
408.03. Licensed Employee Tutoring
411.05. Classified Employee Assignment
502.10. Student Use of Motor Vehicles
503.08-R(1). Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence
505.05-R(1). Graduation Requirements
505.08. Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Policy
505.08-R(1). Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Policy
503.09. Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
503.09-R(1). Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
602.30. Virtual/On-Line Courses
603.01. Basic Instruction Program
604.11 Guidelines for the Use of Professional Therapy Dogs

604.11-R(1) Guidelines for the Use of Professional Therapy Dogs - Professional Therapy Dog Handler Ethics
604.11-E(1) Guidelines for the Use of Professional Therapy Dogs - Professional Therapy Dogs
606.03. Animals in the Classroom
802.04 Fixed Assets Management System
802.04-R(1) Fixed Assets Management System

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nick Fiala

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

n. First Reading of Listed Policy for Emergency Approval

Approve the first reading and waive the 2nd reading of listed policies for an annual review. The policies have no changes. An emergency approval is needed due to a timeline to submit the policies to the state.

103. Long-Range Needs Assessment - no change, policy due for annual review

103-R(1). Long-Range Needs Assessment -Administrative Regs - no change, regulation due for annual review

Motion made by: Monica Malmberg

Motion seconded by: Meg Dickinson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

o. Financial Statements

Approve the financial statements as presented for August 2024.

Motion made by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

p. Sale of Items on GovDeals

Approve the sale of listed items on GovDeal.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Nancy Baker Curtis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

q. Board Commendations

Approve Board Commendations.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Shaylee Vander Velden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

11. Written and oral communications

a. Next regular board meeting,

Next regular board meeting is Monday, October 28, 2024.

12. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Motion made by: Meg Dickinson

Motion seconded by: Monica Malmberg

Voting:

Unanimously Approved