

**New Dimensions High School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
July 25, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Keith Laytham  
Christina Cafiero  
Jacqueline Grimm  
Clyde Wells  
Ryan Adams  
Lynn Sparrock

**Absent:** Theresa Barrett, Leroy Simms

Guest: Wendy Farrell

**Called to Order:** Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 7:27 am

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Motion made by T. Cafiero, Seconded by J. Grimm, motion carried, minutes approved.

**Approval of 2018-19 Budget Changes:** Dr. Grimm presented the proposed changes to the budget. The largest impact resulted from the increase in the cost of the required SRO. The Osceola County Manager and County Commissioners increased the cost of an SRO from \$45,000 to \$90,000 for all charter schools. Dr. Grimm shared with the board the funding amounts we received from the state to cover school safety and the allocation for mental health assistance. We shared with the board that we were currently working with the Sheriff's Department to deal with the increase cost and still meet compliance with the law. We also shared with the board that due to the small amount allocated for mental health services, we would like to turn the allocated amount back to the district and follow their SDOC Mental Health Plan. The board approved that we should turn the funding back to SDOC and follow their plan and to continue working with the Sheriff's office to resolve the SRO issue.

**New Board Member Approval:** Poinciana business woman Wendy Farrell submitted her application for board member consideration. Wendy spoke to the board briefly and a vote was taken to add Wendy Farrell as a Board of Director for NDHS. After a unanimous vote, Wendy was added to the Board.

**Transportation Issues:** Dr. Grimm updated the board on the challenges for providing transportation to school after the SDOC terminated our services. A&S Transportation is our

only option at the time and we are pursuing that aggressively to ensure bus transportation in time for the open of school August 13, 2018.

**School Grade:** Dr. Cafiero presented a brief overview of the recently received school grade from the Florida DOE. She explained the components that comprise the grade, and the results NDHS earned for the 2018 school year. NDHS maintained its A rating, holding that status since 2010.

**New Staff Hires:** New staff to begin working for the 2018-19 school year were presented:

Carla Myrie: English (would be out of field for Greatbook Honors)

Richard NeSmith: Chemistry and Physical Science (would be out of field for both)

Javier Huerta - Geometry

Michael Alferts: Digital Design

Keith Laytham made a motion to approve the new hires, including the out of field candidates, seconded by Lynn Sparrork. Unanimous approval via vote.

**Golf Tournament:** Dr. Cafiero informed the board that the school was still debating whether we will hold a golf tournament for 2019. Lack of staff, parental, and board support in planning the event make it a heavy burden on administration.

**Open Issues:**

**Adjourned:** 8:40 am