

**Ohio Digital Learning School**  
***Public Hearing***  
***Exceeding Limitations on Testing***  
**October 28, 2020**

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**Meeting ID:** 952 186 4703

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Hearing start time: 9:00 AM

**Public Comment / Board Discussion**

The Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the school's request to exceed the amount of time students may spend on state required and other testing as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729. Ms. Harkless discussed the request to exceed the testing limitations.

Hearing end time: 9:07 AM

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Hearing start time: 9:08 AM

**IDEA FUNDS Presentation and Opportunity for Public Input**

Ms. Harkless presented a general overview of the school's use of IDEA funds which includes providing for a school psychologist.

Hearing end time: 9:12 AM

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## *Meeting Minutes*

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM.

### II. Roll Call

#### **Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Wise, President  
Gregory Fockler, Treasurer  
Chris Canova, Secretary  
Tiffany Akeman, Vice President  
Meloney Osby, Director

#### **Other Attendees:**

Kathleen Harkless, *ODLS School Leader*  
Todd McIntire, *K12*  
Rebekah Enz, Esq., *Board Legal Counsel, Amy Goodson Co., LLC*  
Kristin Katakis, *OCCS*  
Dawn Cummings, *Fiscal Officer*  
Kelly Warnke, *K12*  
Jim Scott, *Potential Board Member*  
Mahailey Albain, *Principal*

### III. Public Comment

None

### IV. Review of Agenda

### V. Action and Discussion Items

#### **A. Exceeding Limitations on Testing**

The board held a public hearing on exceeding limitations on testing just prior to the board meeting. Ms. Harkless discussed the testing programs being used.

**20-65 WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 limits the amount of time students may be required to spend on state required and other assessments;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729 also provides that the School's Board of Directors may adopt a resolution allowing the School to exceed the prescribed time limitations provided the Board of Directors conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors finds it educationally appropriate for the educational model it provides and the students the School services to exceed the administration and preparation limitations;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on the proposed resolution on October 28, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the School to exceed the administration and preparation limits as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0729.

Motion: Mr. Fockler      Second: Mr. Canova  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

**B. Use of IDEA Funds**

A public hearing with an opportunity for public input on the school's use of IDEA funds was held just prior to the board meeting. The school uses IDEA funds to provide for the school psychologist.

**20-66 WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing during which local community members and parents/guardians were invited to attend and provide input regarding the use of IDEA funds;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the planned use of IDEA funds.

Motion: Mr. Canova      Second: Ms. Wise  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

**C. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes; no modifications were requested.

**20-67 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2020 as presented.

Motion: Ms. Wise      Second: Ms. Akeman  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

**D. Financial Report**

Ms. Cummings presented the financial report. FTE is 509. Ms. Cummings indicated that the deficit has gone down; the financial report was completed prior to the K-12 credit. Ms. Cummings also discussed actual expenses compared to budget.

**20-68 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the financial update and bank reconciliation as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova      Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

**E. Revised Budget and Five-Year Forecast**

Ms. Cummings presented the revised budget, which is based on an average enrollment of 758 students, and discussed revisions from the budget approved in May. Ms. Cummings also discussed the five-year forecast and assumptions.

**20-69 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the ODE Community School Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the five-year forecast, October 2020 Submission, and authorizes the fiscal officer to submit the five-year forecast in the proper format, to the Ohio Department of Education by the designated deadline.

Motion: Ms. Akeman    Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 5    Nays: 0

**F. Head of School Report**

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Residency Verification (October)**
- **Quarter 1 Academic Updates**

Ms. Harkless presented the Head of School Report. Twenty-one students graduated. The attendance capture rate is increasing. As of October 21, the enrollment was 604 students. Ms. Harkless also discussed demographics, provided compliance updates, discussed new hires and provided first quarter academic updates.

**20-70 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accepts the state of the school report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions and October residency verification.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the hiring of employees as presented.

Motion: Ms. Akeman    Second: Mr. Canova  
Ayes: 5    Nays: 0

**G. Discussion on 2019-2020 Local Report Card**

Ms. Harkless discussed the school's 2019-2020 local report card, which is available on ODE's website.

**H. 2019-2020 Annual Report**

Ms. Harkless presented the school's annual report and discussed the included data.

**20-71 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2019-2020 Annual Report and authorizes the Head of School to submit the annual report to the proper authority.

Motion: Ms. Wise    Second: Mr. Fockler  
Ayes: 5    Nays: 0

**I. College Credit Plus Policy**

Ms. Enz spoke to the College Credit Plus Policy

**20-72 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the College Credit Plus Policy as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova    Second: Ms. Akeman  
Ayes: 5    Nays: 0

**VI. Informational Reports**

**A. Legal Update**

Ms. Enz presented the legal update.

**B. Sponsor Update**

Ms. Katakis presented the sponsor update and thanked Ms. Harkless for her help with completing the first trimester of compliance.

**C. K12 Update**

Mr. McIntire gave the K12 update and discussed monitoring political changes and the We Stand Together program that is dedicated to social justice. Mr. McIntire also spoke to curriculum updates and career readiness.

The board considered the appointment of Jim Scott to the Board of Directors.

**20-73 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors appoints Jim Scott as a Member of the Board for a three-year term effective until the 2023 annual organizational meeting.

Motion: Ms. Wise Second: Mr. Canova

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting:** November 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Video/telephone conference

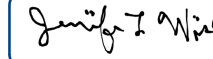
**VIII. Adjournment:** 10:23 AM

Motion: Ms. Akeman Second: Mr. Canova

November 18, 2020

Approved by the Board of Directors of Ohio Digital Learning School on

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Board President/Secretary