

DuBois Integrity Academy
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025 – 6:30PM
749 Main Street Riverdale, Georgia

- ◆ Roll Call – Lt. Col. Morris, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Mitchell, Judge R. Mack
- ◆- Meeting called to order 6:34P
- ◆- Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Judge Mack, second by Mr. Mitchell; motion carried unanimously
- ◆- Approval of January 2025 Minutes – Mr. Merritt made the motion to approve the February Minutes with a correction. Second by Judge Mack; motion carried unanimously.
- ◆- Special Recognition – Mr. Cason spoke about the 7 Pillar Tour he just finished, thanking local churches for their support of DIA over the years, and thanked Mrs. Puryear for attending all.
- ◆- Financial Report by Toni Johnson with EdTec covering December to January, noting there were only a few changes. Snacks revenue has been added to the budget, as it had been there; Technology leases are trending higher, and Field Trip budget has been increased. We are expecting donations and cash receipts, tax rebates.... The QBE adjustment should drop in March.
- ◆- Open Hearing – 6:48pm. Lt. Col. Morris opened the first of two Open Hearings re the FY25 Amended budget as discussed. There were no questions or comments, and the Open Hearing was closed at 6:59pm by Lt. Col. Morris.
- ◆- Dr. Payne: we are beginning to work on GAMAS. Teachers were still meeting and being productive during the snow days.
 - Mr. Price: they have approximately 300-350 elementary students participating in the tutoring program and things are going well.
 - Mr. Scott: everyone did an amazing job with STEM Night and the Science Fair; with kudos to Dr. Hudson and the Assistant Principals. The Middle school had one student that went to Regionals for the National Scripps Spelling Bee and placed 8 out of 18 participants. The JV Girls basketball team Championship trophy was displayed for all to see. Soccer tryouts start today. Mr. Cason came over today and spoke to the students, motivating them to continue doing their best.
- ◆- Mrs. Howard: DIA has attended three Teacher Recruitment fairs, with one coming up on Thursday. All are happy to now have a competitive salary scale in place.
- ◆- Mr. Cason noted that there is a Double Good popcorn sale coming up this Thursday with a goal of \$100k.
- ◆- Re the Monitoring visit, we had a couple findings we needed to adjust for scores – Conflict of Interest and Mandated Reporter. Lt. Col. Morris asked for a motion to adopt the changes to the policies; Judge Mack made the motion to adopt the revisions with a 2nd by Mr.

Merritt, motion carried unanimously. The FY26 budget timeline has been advertised for April and May for the 1st and 2nd open hearings. We should receive the official work by Friday of this week re our renewal.

- School update – we need and gymnasium and Connection rooms; we should begin breaking ground at Main Street soon. The new school store should be ready soon, at which time we will issue a C&D for those using the school logo. The store will be a means of ongoing revenue.
- The FTE count we are looking for is 1436. The lottery for the 25-26SY will be held on March 18th. The anticipated classroom counts are: K -8; 1st – 7, 2nd – 7, 3rd – 7, 4th – 6, 5th – 6, 6th – 6, 7th – 5, and 8th – 4. Lt. Col. Morris called for a motion to accept the class size and count as submitted. Motion made by Judge Mack with a second by Mr. Merritt. Motion carried.
- ◆- Public Comments: PTO President Ms. Holt resigned her position.
- ◆- Lt. Col Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM