

**Dubois Integrity Academy  
Governance Board Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2016  
6479 Church Street  
Riverdale, GA 30274**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Mr. Merritt, Ms. Sonya Lewis, Bo Culver, Lt. Col Dee Morris, Dr. Chapman and Atty. Mack,

**Quorum Present**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Atty. Mack motioned to approve the Minutes with one change and second by Ms. Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Cason presented financial report to the board. Board Treasurer Mr. Merritt ratified that he has reviewed reports. He concurs that there is a reduction in State Funding due to the reduced student count. DIA has implemented contingency planning and is currently in good standing.

**Executive Director Update**

- ❖ Our student count is 578 with \$292k monthly for mid-term adjustment. Previous draw down was 373K per month.
- ❖ DIA will target 625 students for FY17 FTE which will increase our FY17 projected revenue to \$5m inclusive of mid-term adjustment.
- ❖ The Charter Commission visit scheduled for April 12, 2016 has been postponed until next fall.
- ❖ Every student now has a laptop in all grades with touch screens, Promethean Boards.
- ❖ DIA conducted a successful lottery and admitted 140 students. There are currently 500 students on the waiting list
- ❖ If budget is approved in June, we will not have a July Board Meeting.
- ❖ **Audit Firm Selection.** Mr. Culver stated that three firms who were interviewed are highly qualified and Mr. Rhodes has had experience with one of the Audit firms. Upon evaluation, the Audit Committee recommends Doug Irwin CPA. who has worked with Mr. Rhodes and has done an outstanding job in the past.

## **Board Action**

Motioned by Atty. Mack and seconded by Ms. Lewis to accept Doug Irwin CPA as the DIA Audit firm for FY16. Motion carried unanimously

## **Principal's Report**

- ❖ DIA will start our testing on Monday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. and hopefully all students will be present and accounted for. Tomorrow we will have faculty meeting, and will discuss testing rules and regulations.
- ❖ We will be testing for the Gifted Program next month. DIA will be adding additional teachers for DES next year. We will have 100-125 students in our DES program by next year.
- ❖ Dr. Payne stated that every DIA student has an academic plan. Failure is not an option and will use every resource available to guarantee the success of the students.
- ❖ Next Saturday will be the last day of the Saturday school.
- ❖ DIA will be doing all paper pencils, but next year DIA may not have that option.
- ❖ Dr. Payne stated she sees growth for next year for 70% or above because we have a dynamic staff and there is no place but up, even if students are 20, 30% and above.
- ❖ Dr. Payne presented the recommended FY17 school calendar and stated that there are 184 days which are equivalent with Clayton county a 169 days @ 45 min. and the last will be May26th next year concurrent with Clayton County School.

## **Board Action**

Motioned by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Atty.Mack. To adopt the school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comments**

There were three DIA teachers present at the meeting. Each spoke of the positive impact that the classroom technology was having on the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.