



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2023

6:00 - 8:00pm

Meeting Held Virtually Using Zoom

I. Roll Call

Present Board Members: D. Durso (remote), E. White (remote) V. Joell (remote), V. Sipes (remote), S.Alfaro (remote), K. Griffith (remote)

Absent: G. Bailey

Quorum - 6/7

II. Others in attendance:

Lucilla Perry-Edwards, CEO of DRCS,;Katie Holenbach Dee, Senior Director of Operations of DRCS; Heather Mishel Williams, Assistant Principal of Specialized Services; Marchelle Roberts, Operations Manager of DRCS, Patricia A. Hennessy, legal counsel; Kevin Corcoran, Charter Choices

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Debi Durso

III. Action Resolutions

- **Accept Board Meeting Minutes**

R-230906 -1

Resolved, to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of Deep Roots Charter School from August 8, 2023 as presented.

- Motion to approve: Soledad Alfaro; Second: Victoria Sipes: Motion passed with a unanimous approval

- **DRCS Expansion to the 6th grade 24-25**

The board wanted more information before approving the expansion. CEO to gauge parent interest and research middle schools in Philadelphia.

- **Approval of leadership coaching contracts**

R-230906 - 2

Resolved, to accept contracts for leadership coaching that did not present any conflict of interest Contracts with Veenay Singla for \$5000 and Skyrocket for \$10,000 (over two years) were approved. Contract with Natalie Caitlin St. Louis was not approved because the board believed that it could present a conflict of interest.

- Motion to approve: Victoria Sipes, Second: Soledad Alfaro, Motion passed with a unanimous approval

- **Approval of new teacher coaching contract for up to \$15,000**

R-230906-3

Resolved, to proceed with a teacher coaching contact for up to \$15,000 with Jounce Partners. Valerie

Joell recused herself from the discussion as she is an employee with Jounce Partners.

- Motion to approve: Victoria Sipes, Second Kim Griffith, Motion passed with a unanimous approval

IV. Reports

- **CEO Report**
Update on School Opening
- **Finance Report**
No major flags with annual audit
Budgeted for 315. Currently 305 enrolled

V. Public Comment

- **No public comment**

VI. Adjourn Meeting

- **Meeting ended at 7:38pm**