

**GOVERNING BOARD**

**DIGITAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY**

**TELEPHONIC/VIRTUAL MEETING**

**June 16, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the DATA Governing Board was called to order on this date at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

**A. Roll Call: quorum present**

**Council Members Present:**

Ms. Amy Roble, President  
Mr. Omar Durant  
Ms. Esther Marquez  
Mr. Al Sanchez

**Council Members Excused:**

Ms. Debra Dee

**Staff/Faculty Present:**

Ms. Lisa Myhre, Director  
Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator  
Ms. Lynette Quintana, Assistant Business Manager

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

**Mr. Durant moved approval of the agenda, as published. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

➤ **Declaration of Conflicts**

None declared.

➤ **Materials Read Prior to Meeting**

**By unanimous roll call vote, board members affirmed that they had read the materials provided for this meeting.**

**C. Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2021**

**Mr. Sanchez moved approval of the May 19 meeting minutes, as submitted. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

## II. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

## III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Principal's Report: Lisa Myhre

#### ➤ **Immersives**

Ms. Myhre stated that Mr. MacDonald was in a simultaneous meeting with APS, so she would be covering the items in both his section and hers on the agenda.

She said that DATA had Immersives in March and again in early June, where students involved themselves in specialized activities. Most recently, there was a fishing immersive at Tiguex Park, which students learning how to cast, etc. There was also a baking and cooking immersive. The menus included scones, bread pretzels, apple pie, cheesecake, burgers & fries, fried rice, butternut squash soup and a fancy salad, and fajitas. A couple of teachers did nature walks and picked native plants that could be used for medicinal purposes, and in the afternoon the students created teas, salves and teas from the plants. There was also a hike in the Sandias and helping with cleanup on the trails.

#### ➤ **Middle School Planning Committee**

Ms. Myhre said the committee, with Mr. MacDonald leading, has done a great job in working on the schedule and teaching assignments, and in developing the curriculum.

#### ➤ **Professional Development Days**

Ms. Myhre said there were two full in-service days at the end of the year, which went very well. Following the last several weeks of looking at equity, social-emotional learning and developing protocols for next year, people were highly engaged and offered up some very good ideas. From that, DATA will be creating certain protocols, procedures, and school-wide practices to ensure that all of the students are served. She commented that quite a few of the new hires were also present.

#### ➤ **Summer School**

Ms. Myhre reported that 20-25 students are currently signed up for summer school, which will be entirely online. DATA has made it clear to the parents that they will have to take a role in monitoring progress, but DATA would be available if they had any questions or difficulties with that.

#### ➤ **Hiring**

Ms. Myhre reported that a new Math teacher was hired last week. Although she does not have a teaching degree, she has wanted to be a teacher all of her life and has a passion for the

subject. She has just graduated from UNM with a degree in Engineering, and seems very excited about working for DATA.

Ms. Myhre said a new Drama teacher has been hired, and there will now be four Special Education teachers on staff. A Middle School teacher has also been hired, as well as an EA for Math who is a former DATA student. DATA is looking for a PE teacher and another EA. In addition, based on the results of a student survey, DATA is looking for a part-time Spanish teacher.

## **B. Monthly Report: Lisa Myhre**

### **➤ PED Update**

Ms. Myhre reported that PED is focused on preparation for next year, but also looking at ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) requirements, which is the third round of funding for the schools. DATA does not yet know what its allotment will be. She said DATA will have to submit an assurance and reentry plan to APS, which requires a lot of accountability and reporting. It includes evidence of parent and student input on how the money will be spent, as well as instructional materials being purchased. The reentry plan will have to be posted on DATA's website by August 24.

Ms. Myhre said PED has released a new school reopening roadmap with updated research, guidance and best practices for school leaders at this stage of the pandemic.

Ms. Myhre stated that she and Mr. MacDonald have been discussing the new teacher evaluation system. There is a statutory waiver that charters can develop their own evaluation system, and a number of charter schools are looking into this because the evaluation system doesn't match with what they are doing in terms of instruction or development of plans. She said they have sought input from faculty members on their evaluations, and they have said they don't want to do grading or scoring but want to meet and have discussions instead. They want her and Mr. MacDonald in their classrooms more often to give feedback and help guide them. She said DATA is looking at developing something that is more beneficial to the teachers and makes it easier for her and Mr. MacDonald to hold teachers accountable in terms of professional growth and student learning. She hopes this is achievable.

### **➤ Discussion on New Board Members**

Board members discussed the backgrounds of the two candidates and agreed that it would be beneficial to add both to the board.

## **C. Financial Report: Lynette Quintana**

### **➤ Financial Summary**

Ms. Quintana reviewed the financials and bank statements.

### **➤ Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs), Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs) & Disbursements**

Ms. Quintana reviewed BARs, RFRs, and Disbursements.

Ms. Quintana noted that, because BARs were due in the system earlier this week, she opened a BAR for the maintenance requests and asked Ms. Myhre and Michael Vigil, Jr. to approve them.

**Mr. Sanchez moved to approve the BARs. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**Mr. Sanchez moved to approve the RFRs and Disbursements. Ms. Marquez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS/BOARD QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Board members agreed to meet briefly in July to formally meet the new board members. Ms. Myhre said she would contact them to discuss a convenient date and time.

Board members agreed that work on the Bylaws would continue in the upcoming school year.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**A. TBD**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 a.m.**

*These minutes were presented for discussion and were approved unanimously by roll call vote at the July 8, 2021, Governing Board meeting. This meeting was held via Zoom due to the coronavirus restrictions with members attending remotely.*