## **Destin High School Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, 08.16.2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 3:00PM via ZOOM

## IN ATTENDANCE:

LoCicero, McBride, Stone, O'Neal, Sills, Larabee (parent advocate)

## **ABSENT:**

Palmer, Silver, Luttrell, Eubank

## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- LOCICERO gave a brief introduction of everyone on the call
- Franklin Harrison and Heather Hudson gave a brief summary of their scope of work within school systems
- Hand Arendall Harrison Sale has been representing school systems since 1979, helping to develop/implement school board policies, due process, ESE matters, and expulsions.
- MCBRIDE stated we may use their services in regards to employment law and/or higher level discipline issues
- STONE asked if there is a recommendation for a monthly retainer or do hourly services prove more cost effective. Franklin Harrison believes, with strict parameters in place about who has the authority to contact legal, hourly rates are much more cost effective for schools. He went on to say his firm is very sensitive to the financial needs of each client and he has been able to represent some of the same clients for over 40 years that way.
- LOCICERO made it clear that DHS would retain the services of Arnold Law Firm for our bond
- Denise Fountain is looking through historical use of legal at DHS to give us an idea of future needs for DHS

MEETING ADJOURNED by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 3:44PM via ZOOM