

**Idaho Virtual Academy
Board of Director's
Regular Board Meeting
March 15, 2016**

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting commenced at 7:31 p.m. MDT with a quorum of the Directors present.

C. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Director Tower	(7/18)	_____	_____
Position 2	Director Sankovich	(7/18)	<u> X </u>	_____
Position 3	Director Robinson-Eckert	(7/16)	<u> X </u>	_____
Position 4	Open Seat	(7/17)	_____	_____
Position 5	Anne MacConnell	(7/17)	<u> X </u>	_____

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

Others in attendance:

- Kelly Edginton, Head of School
- Mike Groshong, Board Clerk
- Jodee Sisson, Special Education Director
- Allen Wenger
- Susan Davies
- Amy White
- Open Teleconference Line

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. AGENDA – PROCEDURAL NOTE: ANY ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

No were no additions, corrections or substitutions to the amended posted agenda.

The amended posted agenda did not change the content of the agenda, only the order and location of items to be addressed.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No member of the public signed up for public input.

C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Robinson-Eckert had no additional information to present other than that specifically listed for discussion.

2. JULY FACE TO FACE MEETING

Discussion was held among the Directors regarding the scheduled F2F meeting of the Board scheduled for the annual July meeting. Numerous individuals, including the Head of Schools will not be available for the initially scheduled date. The Directors discussed alternative proposed dates for the annual meeting.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to change the anyyak July meeting from the 3rd Tuesday in July to the 4th Tuesday in July (July 26th) to be held face to face in Boise.

Motion seconded by Director Sankovich.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

3. DIRECTORS TO SPEAK AT SPRING GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The three graduation dates, Coeur d'Alene (June 1), Nampa (May 25) and Idaho Falls (May 27) were discussed among the Directors as well as who would like to be and/or who was available to speak at the three graduations.

Neither Director Sankovich nor Director MacConnell were available on the days in question. Director Robinson-Eckert will communicate with Director Tower to ascertain her availability.

4. OPEN VACANCY REPORT

Mr. Groshong advised the Board that they had received two resumes/letters of interest regarding the current open board vacancy. Discussion was held with regard to the need to develop a board committee, with the Head of Schools, to conduct interviews and make an eventual recommendation to the Board.

Chairman Robinson-Eckert as well as Directors MacConnell and Sankovich all agreed to participate in the ad hoc committee to select a new director.

The matter will be brought back before the Board for further activity.

D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

1. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her monthly report.

There remains no new information regarding the OIG audit. No final report has been sent to the school. Ms. Edginton has also spoken with Michelle Clement Taylor at the SDE and she has not heard anything either.

The legislative session remains ongoing. Ms. Edginton and others have presented information relating to graduation rates and virtual schools, showing how virtual schools are not “tanking” the overall graduation rate but rather students who would not otherwise graduate are, even if it takes a bit more time. One of the presentations included a high school counselor, a former graduate who had a delay in graduation and another student.

A funding bill associated with student mobility has again been introduced at the legislature. This bill is substantially different than last year’s bill. However, it is a step to start addressing student mobility and it is nearing the end of the session. Ms. Edginton indicated she will be testifying in the Education Committee on this matter on Thursday.

Ms. Edginton detailed a presentation to the Accountability Oversight Committee for the SBOE which occurred on March 7th. This was a very open discussion about the difference in students at virtual schools and how many have come to virtual programs upon learning that a traditional setting did not work for them. This mobility and student demographic can lead to delays in graduation that do not fit within the definition of graduation rates. Ms. Edginton indicated that she felt the points and issues were heard and that the Committee asked for recommendations and discussed how those recommendations would aid not just virtual programs but also traditional public schools.

Ms. Edginton presented a number of photographs and information regarding School at the Capitol day where students had the opportunity to meet with legislators at the Capitol to discuss what they do as well as information about the school.

Math and Literacy Fairs were held on February 26th. This was done at three different locations and is done in conjunction with the Parent Advisory Committee utilizing Activity with Parent Involvement Funds.

Next week, from the 21st through 25th is spring break. Ms. Edginton will be available at the school's office. Upon return, the ISAT window is open as of the 28th. This will be the first year with the new Chrome Books, which are ready to be shipped out to the testing location. It is hopeful that the new tools will aid with the testing process.

Ms. Edginton addressed Teacher Leadership Premiums. There has been publicity from legislative discussion about how Leadership Premiums were addressed around the state last year. Pursuant to Policy 702.2 nominations for Teacher Leadership Premiums should be coming to the Board for its May meeting.

2. WHAT'S NEW AND GETTING BETTER

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with what will be new for the 2016-2017 school year with the K12 programs. These items included:

- A redesign of the landing pages, which will be able to be personalized by students.
- The release of the first in a series of new courses for Math 6th -11th grades and English 9th -10th grades. One of the changes involved in the new courses is that the curriculum can adjust to the learner's needs, including ELL students. This will also include interim assessments as part of the underlying program which will be highly beneficial to both

students and parents to see if students are mastering grade-level standards.

- Transitioning to a new K12 Online Middle School which is a continuation of the offerings in High School. This will not be entirely new to IDVA students as this process has already started with our school.
- A new email tool provided through Office 365. Some local training with families has already commenced for the school. This is a K-mail replacement pilot that IDVA will be utilizing.
- Increased Live Instruction opportunities for students.
- Continuation of FAST with possible enhancements.

Ms. Edginton responded to a number of questions from the Directors regarding the upcoming improvements.

3. A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IDVA TEACHER

Mr. Susan Davis, High School Math Teacher and Math Department Chair detailed her activities as a teacher of four different math courses and her two advisory periods.

She addressed the teacher's current Mindset Training activities as well as her own activities with course instruction, classroom activities, Math Live Help assistance to individual students as well as detailed how flexibility of the schedule is necessary to meet student and parent needs.

She showed the Directors examples of how she is utilizing her document camera to do individual problem work with students where they can follow what she is doing to solve an equation and then she is able to take a photo and send that to the student for them to use as reference materials.

She detailed her general weekly activities by category and topic.

Chairman Robinson-Eckert thanked Ms. Davis for her informative presentation and Ms. Davis and Director MacConnell addressed how the document camera work aids in the personalization of instruction for students.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes from February 2016 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of February 2016 Monthly Invoices

3. Approval of K12 Invoice
4. Approval of Payment to K12
5. Approval of February 2016 Check register for Website Posting
6. Approval of February 2016 Financial Report

The Directors reviewed and conferred about the various Consent Agenda items. There were no questions or concerns about the material and information presented.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Robinson-Eckert.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

IV. **SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:**

A. **BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENAR**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar for possible Board approval.

The calendar is very similar to that of the current school year.

Ms. Edginton opened the discussion to the Directors.

Motion was made by Director Sankovich to approve the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar as presented.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

B. **INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM**

1. **ACADEMIC REPORT**

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her full report in writing as well as a written executive summary of this report.

- IDVA Enrollment 3/09/2016: 2156 (IDVA enrollment Mar 2015: 2469)

- Special Education enrollment: 14.33% (13.92% Feb 2016)
 - K5: 14.85%
 - MS: 16.50%
 - All HS: 12.68%
 - VHS: 10.95%
 - Vision HS: 16.27%
- Free & Reduced Lunch (economically disadvantaged) percentage: 54.7%
- High School Pass Rates
 - All High School: 74.6%
 - Vision: 58.3%
 - VHS: 78.2%
 - 7th & 8th Math & ELA: 81.7%
- K5 students On Track in all subjects: 71%
 - Math: 86%
 - ELA: 88%
 - Science: 81%
 - History: 81%
- 31 students currently enrolled in Mark12Reading intervention courses
 - *Note: fewer students in Mark12 this year due to students being assigned to course pacing.*
- 231 students currently enrolled in K-8 Advanced Learner Program (siblings of ALP students are counted into the numbers and may or may not qualify for ALP)
- 144 students currently enrolled in High School Advanced Opportunity Courses

Ms. Edginton stood for Board questions.

C. PUPIL SERVICES

1. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Head of School Edginton then presented the Directors with the current enrollment report. This information is provided to the Directors orally, for questions as well as in a detailed written format.

As of the date of this meeting, 2152 students are enrolled.

2. PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Parent Satisfaction Survey was greatly simplified from the formats that have been used in the past, asking one satisfaction question and then asking for comment, if any.

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the actual survey questions, a chart as to the survey results as well as the comments that were received in response to the survey. Of the 176 respondents with a 1 (low) to 5

(high) point averages, the weighted average was a 3.84, with 6.82% being very unsatisfied, 2.84% being unsatisfied, 18.75% neutral, 43.18% as satisfied and 17.6 as very satisfied.

Interestingly, if one looks at the comments and compares to the chart responses, there are some noted as very unsatisfied that do not line up with the comments about how great the school is.

D. PERSONNEL

1. PERSONNEL REPORT

No business scheduled.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION ISSUES

Ms. White presented the Directors with information relating to potential legislation relating to procurement laws and how such laws should or should not apply to charter schools which were developed as non-profit corporations under state law and how such schools do not fall within the IRS definition of political subdivisions due to the inability to tax.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

All of the Board's business being concluded, Motion was made by Director MacConnell that the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Director Sankovich seconded the motion.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. (MDT)

Dated this 15th day of March, 2016.

Mike Groshong
Board Clerk

Board of Directors Meeting convened and held pursuant to appropriately provided and received electronic Notice of Annual Board Meeting with posted agenda (IDVA By-Laws, Article V, Section 1).

Meeting held at the Treasure Valley Learning Center.

Additional attendance available via telecommunications.

IDVA BOARD MEMBERS

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