

Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2012

Board Members Present

Lepaine Sharp-McHenry
Angela Driskill
Kevin Smith
Cary Hiatt
John Riggs

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Lisa Williams
Cheli Stafford

Media Present

None

Guests Present

none

Board Members Not Present

Steve Bryles

Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Lepaine Sharp-McHenry, called the board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Ms. McHenry then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

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| <p>MOTION: by Mr. John Riggs to approve the July 31, 2012 board meeting minutes as written. Mr. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
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Board Chair's Report:

Board Member Search

- Ms. Sharp-McHenry asked the search committee if there was anything new for the Board's review since meeting last month.
- The committee will provide an update to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Board Member Training Hours

- Ms. Sharp-McHenry inquired of Board members if they would find value in receiving 15 minutes of training during quarterly meetings. A Board development day was discussed as a means to provide specific training to Board members through which each would gain required training credit upon approval from the state.
- After receiving feedback from members, Ms. Sharp-McHenry asked each person to email topics they would like to hear during board development time.
- Members discussed upcoming required training to be completed prior to the December 31, 2012 deadline.

ARVA Board By-Law Review

- Ms. Sharp-McHenry asked to suspend the meeting rules and add an agenda item. After no objections, a discussion took place in which the Board was asked to review the current By-Laws.
- Board member, Kevin Smith, was asked to review the provided document for any updates or changes that should be made. Mr. Smith will bring any items for change or update to the Board for review at the next quarterly meeting of the Board.
- All members were then asked to review the By-Laws with the same goals in mind.

Action Agenda Items:

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Review & Approval

- Head of School, Mr. Scott Sides, provided a review of the revenue and planned expenditures for the Board.
- The Board had no questions of Mr. Sides regarding the proposed budget.

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| MOTION: by Dr. Angela Driskill to accept the 2012-2013 Budget as presented. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried. |
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Head of School's Report

Teacher Schedules

- At the Board's request, Academic Administrator, Lisa Williams, gave some background on how ARVA's virtual teachers spend their time as compared to traditional brick and mortar teachers.
- Teachers were given a template to complete which described their daily activities from 7:30AM-4:30PM and were asked to be as specific as they could be.
- There were nine categories given as a basis for demonstration purposes.
- Ms. Williams described to the Board what type of activities fell within each category and gave a detailed overview of how much time teachers spend in each.
- Mr. Riggs thanked Ms. Williams for putting together this report and asked that she thank the teachers on behalf of the Board for taking the time to provide this information for the Board's review.
- All Board members agreed that this information was very valuable to them.

ESEA Waiver Update

- Mr. Sides described to the Board how ARVA is currently in the process of an appeal to get our economically disadvantaged students coded properly in APSCN, the state's student and finance management system.
- The NORMES website holds public information on testing and is being pulled electronically from APSCN.
- It is believed that ARVA will have a clearer picture of our AMOs by October 15, 2012.

National Math Lab

- Upon a review of testing outcomes, it was determined that ARVA students require some intervention in the area of math.
- Mr. Sides described National Math Lab which was implemented at ARVA last school year. He shared the outcomes of the recent participating groups.
- This intervention will be provided to students achieving below basic or basic in math or performing below grade level.
- Students will meet virtually with National Math Lab teachers, and ARVA is not limited on the number of participants. However, there is a fee for each student based on the number of weekly sessions each child has. The school is planning for 60-70 students to participate.
- There is an invitation process through National Math Lab, and the students who accept would begin on October 22, 2012, if the Board approves to move forward.
- Mr. Smith shared some personal insight regarding his family's involvement with National Math Lab and how participation had a positive impact on his child.

- It was noted that this expenditure would be provided through Title I funding and described in the ACSIP plan.

MOTION: by Mr. Smith to implement National Math Lab as described. Dr. Driskill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On-Site Standards for Accreditation

- ARVA is scheduled for an on-site audit by the Office of Standards for Accreditation in November. Prior to this event, the Board will need to have an additional meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ARVA's annual report, progress toward goals, accreditation status, & proposals to correct deficiencies.
- After review of calendars, the meeting was planned for November 2, 2012.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.