



# ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMY<sup>SM</sup>

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
March 8, 2021

## **Present**

### Board Members

Dr. Gary McHenry  
Jess Askew  
Joel Edel  
Paige Gorman  
Dana Kelley

## **Absent**

Rodney Nagel

### Staff

Amy Johnson  
Kristin Allen  
Amanda Felton  
Ashley Holder  
Rhonda Soule  
Jessica Stack  
Amanda Sullivan  
Vanaja Duraiswamy  
Tina Littell  
Tom Graham

### Guest

Nathan Poston

## **Preliminary Items**

### Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on March 8, 2021 via Zoom conference call by Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry.

### Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

### Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** Jess Askew motioned to approve the January 11, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dana Kelley and the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

## **Board Chair's Report**

### Statement of Financial Interest

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry reminded members to submit their Statement of Financial Interest if they have not already done so. Head of School, Amy Johnson will follow up regarding any questions.

## **Action Agenda Items**

### ARVA Audit

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Nathan Poston, Audit Partner with Landmark Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Poston presented an overview of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Audit Report and answered questions as presented.

**ACTION:** Jess Askew made the motion to approve the audit as presented. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### COVID Leave Policy

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson presented ARVA's COVID Leave Policy. All questions were addressed.

**ACTION:** Jess Askew made the motion to adopt the COVID Leave Policy as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### School Year 21-22 Calendar

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who presented the 2021-22 School Year Academic Calendar.

**ACTION:** Joel Edel made the motion to approve the School Year 21-22 Calendar as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

## **Head of School's Report**

### Financial Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, turned the floor over to Vanaja Duraiswamy, K12 Finance Analyst, who updated the Board regarding the budget process.

### Academic Updates

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented information regarding assessment scoring, growth, increased accountability, and innovation, as well as upcoming testing and what it will look like this year due to COVID. Mrs. Johnson also shared the potential of some upcoming opportunities for MOUs for virtual learning.

### Other Comment Public Comments

None

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 5:33 PM.

**Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager**

**Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School**