



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
June 14, 2021

Present

Board Members

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

Staff

Amy Johnson
Kristin Allen
Amanda Felton
Michele Newnum
Rhonda Soule
Vanaja Duraiswamy
William Johnston
Regina Krotzer

Guest

David Mitchell

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:02 p.m. on June 14, 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: Joel Edel motioned to approve the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jess Askew and the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Board Chair's Report

None

Ransomware Questions

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson provided an opportunity for members of the board to ask questions regarding the ransomware communication that had previously been shared.

Special Committee Report

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Jess Askew to report on the status of contract negotiations. Both sides are working toward the same end goal and the committee will continue to update as things progress.

Action Agenda Items

2021-2022 School Improvement Plans

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson presented the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plans highlighting focus areas for the upcoming school year and answering questions as asked.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plans as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Federal Grants Plans and Budgets (Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV)

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson presented the 2021-2022 Federal Grants Plans and Budgets (Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV). Mrs. Johnson shared the process by which it is developed and discussed changes from previous budgets. Michele Newnum, Title I Coordinator, was included in the discussion to be available to answer questions.

ACTION: Dana Kelley made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 Federal Grants Plans and Budgets (Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV) as presented. Rodney Nagel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 ESSER Budget, Forecast, and Approvals

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who presented the 2021-22 ESSER Budget, Forecast, and Approvals. Mrs. Johnson gave an overview of the items that ARVA will be able to provide our students with the funds available. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion that Mrs. Johnson move forward with gathering additional information regarding the items listed in the 2021-2022 ESSER Budget, Forecast, and Approvals as presented. Rod Nagel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Budget

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, turned the floor over to Vanaja Duraiswamy, K12 Finance Analyst, who updated the Board regarding the 2021-2022 Budget. Question and answer session followed.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Bonus

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who provided an overview of the 2021-2022 proposed bonus plan for ARVA teachers.

ACTION: Rodney Nagel made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 Bonus Plan as presented. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Salary Approval/Teacher Equalization Fund Discussion

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson provided explanation of the details of the salary structure and levelization.

ACTION: Dana Kelley made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 Salary Approval/Teacher Equalization Fund as presented. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Parent and Family Handbook

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who provided an overview of the changes made to the Parent and Family Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 Parent and Family Handbook as presented. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2021-2022 Certified and Classified Policies

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who provided an overview of the changes made to the 2021-2022 Certified and Classified Policies for the 2021-2022 school year. Questions were presented and answered.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Certified and Classified Policies with review and potential amending of the certified policy regarding Newrow and Zoom meetings. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Strayer University Partnership

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who presented information regarding a partnership with Strayer University to offer a reduction in post-secondary tuition to ARVA's students.

ACTION: Gary McHenry made the recommendation to table this issue for further discussion.

Head of School's Report

Innovation Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented information regarding CRE Pathways and the availability of those pathways to more ARVA students.

SY 2021 Results and Celebrations

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, shared information regarding some of the awards and recognitions that ARVA students received this year. Mrs. Johnson also shared student growth information.

Other Comment Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 7:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School