

**Idaho Virtual Academy
Board of Director's
Regular Board Meeting
January 9, 2020**

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Not in use by Directors			
Position 2	Director Shaver	(7/21)	X	
Position 3	Chairman Handeen	(7/22)		X
Position 4	Director MacConnell	(7/20)	X	
Position 5	Director Krein	(7/20)	X	
Position 6	Director Thompson	(7/21)	X	

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

** In the absence of Chairman Handeen, Vice Chair Krein conducted the meeting.

Others in Attendance:

Kelly Edginton
Mike Groshong, Clerk of the Board
Allen Wenger
Mike Wexler
Amber Hatrock
Amanda Judd
Sheila Shiebler
Amy White

Open Teleconference Line

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCEDURAL NOTE: - Action Item

1. Motion to Approve Agenda

A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Director Thompson.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.
Motion approved, unanimously.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT:

No member of the public sought to present.

C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director's Report (if available)

The following item is presented as an informational item, separate from the Consent Agenda items.

1. IDVA 6 + 6 Board Presentation – Mike Wexler

Finance Manager Wexler gave a presentation on the current state of IDVA finances. This presentation was provided in written form in the Board's packet, as well as addressed with a verbal presentation.

Mr. Wexler addressed numerous slides that had been provided to the Directors that outlined IDVA Metrics. Specific attention was given addressing revenue, expenses, budget versus actual forecast. Mr. Wexler addressed the impact of enrollment/student figures on funding, as well as corresponding expenses.

Mr. Wexler addressed the school's restricted funds. The goal is to maximize full reimbursement of all funds the school is entitled to receive.

Mr. Wexler addressed the next anticipated foundation payment with the February 15th state payment. He is anticipating approximately 1.25 million. With this anticipated payment, he concluded by addressing the cash flow report for the directors, current as well as estimates, through the end of the school's fiscal year.

Mr. Wexler stood for any questions with regard to the finances. Mr. Wexler, in response to a question, addressed how old checks were being addressed with the change in bank accounts.

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

- **Head of School Report:** 13, 2020 grades K-5 start date for Cohort 5.
- The scheduled finals for middle school and high school students for January 14th and 15th related to the first semester of the school year.
- The scheduled work days for teachers on January 16, 17 and 21. These days will allow teachers to get grading done, conclude all matters for the first semester and prepare for the second semester. The students do not have school on these days.
- Martin Luther King Day – No School on January 18th.
- January 23, 2020 is the first day of the second semester/new term.
- Insight School of Idaho is scheduled for its accreditation review on February 12 and 13. Ms. Edginton indicated a number of Board Members to participate in this process. There is a governance interview currently scheduled via phone. The details and timing of this call are subject to change to address needs. She addressed that the accreditation review occurs every five (5) years. The school's administration is working to have the process and timing coordinated with the remainder of the school's accreditation obligations. Ms. Edginton indicated that she would provide the directors with additional information to prepare for these sessions, including a copy of the Board Rubric for the process. Directors Krein, Shaver and Thompson indicated a willingness and ability to participate in this activity.
- Ms. Edginton indicated that she had communicated with the Leadership class instructor since the last meeting with regard to the issue of color of graduation cap and gown. She wanted to talk with her about the matter subsequent to the Board having addressed this issue at the last two Director's regular meetings. This had been a discussion in the classroom with the teacher and students. A broader student survey is being conducted, and students will be reporting information about that survey to the Board. The goal is to have all activities completed, and the report provided to the Board at its February meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Requires Approval Vote of the Board)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board Member for further

discussion, or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them.

1. **Approval of Minutes of December 2019 Regular Meeting**
2. **Approval of December 2019 Monthly Invoices.**
3. **Approval of K12 Invoice.**
4. **Approval of Payment to K12.**
5. **Approval of December 2019 Check Register for website posting.**
6. **Approval of December 2019 Financial Report.**
7. **Enrollment Report.**

The Directors were presented with the Consent Agenda Items for consideration and possible approval. No Director sought to pull any individual item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda.

Motion was seconded by Chairman Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

1. **Draft IDVA Annual Report (Informational)**
2. **IDVA Conditions Status Report 2019 (Informational)**

Ms. Edginton addressed the Draft Annual Report that IDVA has received from the Commission staff, and the various errors that are contained in the IPCSC's Draft Report as prepared by its staff. She provided specific information regarding the academic section, the operational section and the comparison markings from last school year. She likewise provided the Directors with recommended draft responses from the school with regard to these draft reports.

The existence of errors has historically been a problem with the draft reports received and the accuracy of information. There has also been a historical problem with the Commission Staff not correcting the errors contained in the annual reports – not just for IDVA but reportedly for numerous schools – prior to finalization. Ms. Edginton spoke with personnel from four (4) different schools today, and they all had the same problems. It was a consensus among these administrators that the errors for this year were actually worse than they have historically seen, though not overly

surprising because they see (uncorrected) errors every year.

This is frustrating to the school's administrative staff. These problems exist in the draft report for IDVA generally, as well as for Insight High School. It was addressed that it is interesting that the mathematical errors that exist in these reports (as well as those historically) have always put the school in a more negative light. The mathematical errors are never in favor of the school.

Further, there are sections that have marks based upon data/information that is not provided to the school. Given the mathematical errors in the preparation of the report, the administration is not in any position to know whether or not the math is correct in the calculations in areas for which they are not provided data.

Additionally, there is criticism in one area noted for a situation that has never been any different at the school from the past. This relates to the Commission's possession of a copy of the Educational Services Contract with k12. They state they do not have a copy, and the school's administration is well aware of the fact that they do have a copy. It is possible that they have lost their copy. However, if this is the case, the school should not be penalized for that fact.

Ms. Edginton indicated that if the mathematical errors in the draft report are corrected, as she is suggesting, the school's "grade" marks overall do improve.

Ms. Edginton reviewed growth figures for the school, addressing the 46% versus 57% marks year-over. This mark is currently 2% from the goal of growth. She believes that this demonstrates the school's efforts in this regard are paying off.

3. **Annual Report Response Form – IDVA – For Approval**
4. **Annual Report Response Form – IDVA – Insight – For Approval**

Ms. Edginton reviewed with the Directors the draft response forms that she proposes the Board consider for approval. The primary purpose is to point out the numerous mathematical errors that exist on both reports, and to essentially do the correct math for them – providing them with the correct figures that should be in the various blocks. There is also a request for the information and data for which other sections are determined. She detailed each

proposed response for each component for each school.

The Directors discussed their concerns that, historically, the Commission's staff members are unable to provide accurate data and/or refuse to provide information. As a whole, there is little to no confidence in the information the staff provides to the school in this regard. There is an understanding that there will be changes forthcoming with the Commission staff, and they are hopeful that problems of this nature will be considered in making staffing decisions.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the Proposed Response to IDVA and Insight School's Draft Annual Reports, noting and correcting the errors, forwarding such to the Commission and its staff.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved unanimously.

The school is required to post its Annual Report. IF the staff again fails to correct its mathematical errors in the draft report, and if the staff is unable to get this fixed with the Commissioners, the Board wishes the Administration to find a manner to indicate in the posting that the state's report is inaccurate and to provide the accurate data.

The Directors further noted the importance of the Commission members actually having correct information. Ms. Edginton indicated that numerous schools are preparing their own reports/summaries of data to provide the accurate data and information to Commission members and legislators so that this misinformation does not continue to harm the schools.

The members of the Board reassured the Administration that the Board is committed to doing what is necessary to correct the errors that the school has addressed over the years, making the actual Commission members aware of this problem and having such a discussion point in their staffing decisions.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS SCHEDULED AS INFORMATIONAL

None scheduled or held.

C. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

None scheduled or held.

D. POLICY READING FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

None scheduled or held.

E. PERSONNEL (Requiring an Approval Vote)

None scheduled or held.

F. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

None scheduled or held.

G. PUPIL SERVICES (Requires a vote of Approval)

None scheduled or held.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None scheduled or held.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Thompson made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(b), Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public employee, staff member or agent.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved unanimously through roll call vote.

Executive Session commenced at 7:43 PM and concluded at 7:51 PM. During Executive Session, two separate matters pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(b) were addressed with the Board.

At 7:51 PM, upon the motion of Director Thompson, seconded by Director MacConnell, with unanimous approval, the Board returned to open session.

VII. ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None scheduled or held.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORMATION SOUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS

- The February Agenda shall include an action item for the Board to address Personnel item 2 from Executive Session in order to formally remove a certificated employee from probation.
- If completed by the students and information compiled in a timely manner, a report will be provided to the Directors relating to the student cap and gown color survey, with possible consideration of a Board action item to address the student survey.
- Director Thompson expressed appreciation to Board Clerk Groshong in providing the Directors with a calendar for all remaining Regular Board Meetings for the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

IX. ADJOURN.

No further business on the schedule, a motion was made by Director Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm (MDT).

Submitted this day, January 9, 2020 by:

Mike Groshong
Board Clerk