

**Idaho Virtual Academy
Board of Director's
Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2015**

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting commenced at 7:32 p.m. MDT with a quorum of the Directors present. With Chairman Heninger absent, Director Robinson-Eckert will be conducting the meeting.

C. TRUANCY HEARINGS AS NEEDED

No Truancy Hearings scheduled or held.

D. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Director Tower	(7/15)	<u>X</u>	_____
Position 2	Director Armes	(7/15)	<u>X</u>	_____
Position 3	Director Robinson-Eckert	(7/16)	<u>X</u>	_____
Position 4	Chairman Heninger	(7/17)	_____	<u>X</u>
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
- Allen Wegner, Business Manager
- Mike Groshong, Board Clerk
- Scott Miller, High School Principal
- Amy White, Board Counsel

Open Teleconference Line

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No member of the public signed up for public input.

C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director’s Report:

1. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman was excused from the meeting however did send a request that all Directors be reminded that the March Regular Meeting is scheduled as a face-to-face meeting in Pocatello.

D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

1. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- a. Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with an update on the AdvancED Accreditation Site Review visit for the Alternative High School. The Alternative High School earned accreditation for a five-year term. A number of improvements were recommended. She pointed out two specific commendations relating to the Principal and the Fast Start Program
- b. The FAST Triumph face to face pilot is up and running. Ms. Edginton commended the staff for the great job that they are doing with students. The program is gathering data regarding best practices and increasing participation.
- c. National School Choice week was held during the same time as the Accreditation Site Review. Though Ms. Edginton was not able to attend due to the accreditation obligations, she reported that the school had a high attendance of employees and students and that it was a very positive and well attended event.
- d. IDVA has a National Merit Scholar Finalist.
- e. Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with a calendar of events through the end of March. This included the Math and Literacy Fairs, the Professional Development Road Show as well as Spring Break and the next Board meeting.

- f. Ms. Edginton presented the directors with a brief update on legislative activities that may have an impact upon the school. She addressed House Bill 126 which relates to school funding and allowing a school to choose its best attendance period for funding reports. There will be a House Education Committee Hearing on this bill on February 24th.
- g. OIG Audit Update was presented to the Directors. A report is expected at the end of March or early April. Ms. Edginton presented the directors with information about the most recent communications between the OIG and the State Department relating to the audit process and likely outcomes.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2014 Regular Meeting
- 2. Approval of January Monthly Invoices
- 3. Approval of K12 Invoice
- 4. Approval of Payment to K12
- 5. Approval of January Check register for Website Posting
- 6. Approval of January 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 Tower to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

A. BUSINESS

1. AUDIT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Wenger and Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with a formal recommendation to change auditing companies. They reviewed the historical issues that have occurred with Bailey and Co, including the late submissions and delays in producing the audit.

Ms. Edginton also outlined for the Directors the negative commentary received by the school due to auditing issues.

A discussion was held among the Directors regarding the proposed recommendation and the historical experiences the last two years. Discussion was also held regarding the proposed Letter of Understanding for Zwygart and Associates as well as cost differential between the two companies.

Motion was made by Director Armes to have the school change its auditing company from Bailey and Company to Zwygart and Associates and further for the Board to approve the proposed Letter of Understanding with Zwygart and Associates, as presented.

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

2. MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK UPDATE

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with a number of very minor proposed edits to the IDVA Middle School Handbook, detailing the reasoning behind each of the proposed edits.

Motion was made by Director Armes to approve the amendments to the IDVA Middle School Handbook, as presented.

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

3. POLICY EDITS 710.1 – 2ND READING

Ms. White presented this policy amendment for a second reading. The reason it was brought back was due to a line that needed to be inserted relating to evaluation considerations. This has been inserted and is being presented with a recommendation for approval.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the amendment to Policy 710.1, as presented.

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

4. ISOLATED POLICY UPDATES:

118.0

309.3

605.1

710.1B

Ms. White presented the Directors with very minor edits associated with four policies. As the entire policy manual has been analyzed by the Board, Administration and Counsel, a number of very minor tweaks, including things such as typographical errors have been identified in a number of isolated policies.

Ms. White reviewed the proposed recommendation for amendment for each of these four policies and the reasoning behind such recommendation. A number of these proposed edits and corrections were received from individual Directors who identified a matter for correction during the director review.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the amendments to the policies so listed, as presented.

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

5. BOARD POLICY AMENDMENTS FOR APPROVAL – 400 AND 500

Amy White presented the Directors with recommended amendments to Section 400 and 500 of the policy manual. Each individual proposed amendment was addressed and the basis for the recommendation stated. The intention in addressing edits to section 400 relating to technology was to remove duplication of material contained in personnel and student policies as well as to remove procedural and unnecessary details and process from policy that already exists in the Technology Manual. With regard to Section 500 and public/community relations, the proposed amendments were less extensive but did include compliance with new mandates associated with the school's website and publication of certain materials for the school and community.

Motion made by Director MacConnell to approve the recommended amendments to the policies in Section 400 and Section 500 of the Board's Policy Manual, as presented.

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

6. **AUTHORIZER FEE**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the invoice from the Charter Commission for the school's Authorizer Fee. She addressed the option that the school has to obtain a 10% discount if the school also paid membership in an organization or association that provided technical assistance, training and advocacy.

Ms. Edginton and the Directors engaged in a detailed discussion as to the work on the Idaho Charter Network as well as the school's development of its own working advocacy group for virtual education so as to allow the school to advocate for itself.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of Network Membership and the fact that this would also increase the overall cost, even with the 10% discount provision.

Motion was made by Director Armes to pay the Commission's Authorizer Fee, in full, with no discount and to not pay membership into the Idaho Charter Network.

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

B. **INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM**

1. **IDVA ACADEMIC SUMMARY & REPORT –**

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with written report materials. She indicated that her Academic Report this month is longer than usual due to the fact that it is the end of the semester information. She was very pleased at some of the pass rate information that could be provided.

- IDVA Enrollment 1/30/2015: 2586 (IDVA enrollment last year at this time: 3177)
- VHS 1st semester Pass Rate: 80.31%
- Alternative High School 2nd Qtr Pass Rate: 62.17%
- K8 OLS progress
 - On track or ahead
 - K-8: 59%
- K-5: 66%
- MS: 40%*
- K5 Academic Intervention

- 89 students currently enrolled in Mark12 Reading intervention courses
- 265 students identified for Math intervention (32% of K5 students)
- 312 students identified for Reading intervention (38% of K5 students)
- iReady Reading growth Fall to Winter (expected 12 pts)
 - General Ed: 23.36 pts
 - Tier 2: 24.48 pts
 - I-Ready: 21.53 pts
 - I-Ready + fluency: 26.07 pts
 - Fluency: 41.03 pts
- iReady Math growth Fall to Winter (expected 9 pts)
 - General Ed: 17.49 pts
 - Tier 2: 22.95 pts
 - I-Ready: 19.40 pts
- Middle School
 - 1st semester pass rates
 - LMS Math: 90.6%
 - LMS English: 83%
 - RYAP: 100%
 - Academic Intervention
 - Reading: 21.1% identified and assigned to T2 for 2nd sem
 - Math: 18.3% identified and assigned to T2 for 2nd sem
- 182 students currently enrolled in K-8 Advanced Learner Program
- 198 students currently enrolled in High School Advanced Opportunity Courses
- PSAT 2014
 - 11th Grade:
 - IDVA: Critical Reading: 49.3 / Math: 46.5 / Writing Skills: 47.7
 - National Ave: Critical Reading: 47.4 / Math: 48.6 / Writing Skills: 45.9
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Director Robinson Eckert expressed her appreciation at the information presented and expressed her pleasure with the passing rate information that was provided. These numbers are higher than some that have been seen in the past and support the hard work and assistance the teachers and administrators are providing for the students.

C. PUPIL SERVICES

1. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Head of School Edginton, then presented the Directors with the current enrollment report, including a written summary, and stood for questions. There were not any questions.

2. **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

3. **ANNUAL REPORT RESPONSE (Draft)**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the school's Annual Performance Report received from the Commission. She addressed her areas of agreement and disagreement and information relating to where the underlying data utilized by the Commission was received.

The Academic provisions are a reflection of the STAR ratings and are based upon 2012-2013 school year scores. While the SBAC was tested last year, there were no scores.

Ms. Edginton indicated that the school has until 2/20 to provide a response and she shared the rough draft response with the Directors to seek input.

The Directors and Ms. Edginton engaged in a lengthy discussion about each of the areas for response and the manner in which they wanted each area addressed in response. Edits were prepared during the discussion process. The Board and Administration both believe that the overall score with regard to operations and financial should be a higher mark based upon the criterion of the Report itself.

Ms. Edginton was directed to complete the edits, consistent with the Board's direction. Further, the Directors asked that a possible plan of action to address areas of problematic scoring be addressed and ready for discussion during the Board's March Face-to-Face Board Meeting in Pocatello. The Board would like to have a discussion with the Administration as to some pro-active ideas to increase a number of the scores in the future.

Motion made by Director Tower to approve the draft response to the Commission's Annual Performance Report, with the edits as discussed by the Directors.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

D. **PERSONNEL**

No business scheduled or addressed.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. NEW ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL PLATFORM

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information about the High School's existing online platform as well as details and examples of the online platform that the school will be utilizing in the future for the High School Program. She also provided them with a written overview of the new platform.

This change isn't going to be a cold-switch as K12 has been using the online platform at a number of pilot schools this current school year to work out any of the problems.

The new online platform focuses more individually on each student and has better access to student achievement data.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session scheduled or held.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Director Tower seconded the motion.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. (MDT)

Dated this 17th day of February, 2015.

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.

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