

**Idaho Virtual Academy
Board of Director's
Regular Board Meeting
April 16, 2013**

I. PRELIMINARY

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Meeting commenced at 7:34 p.m. MDT with a quorum of the Directors.

The meeting was held in the Treasure Valley Learning Center with additional participation via telecommunications.

- C. TRUANCY HEARINGS AS NEEDED**

No truancy hearings held or scheduled.

- D. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present:

Dave Malnes
Kimber Tower
Kerry Heninger
Nathan Vore
Monica Robinson-Eckert

Others in attendance:

Mike Groshong
Allen Wegner
Heidi Higgins
Amy White

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

No additions, corrections or substitutions to the Agenda.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No member of the public signed up for public input.

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Malnes had no report to present.

1. Educational Meetings and/or Trainings attended by the Directors since the last board meeting.

No reports presented.

2. Report by the Chairman on Review of the Charter Commission on Thursday, April 11, 2013.

Chairman Malnes provided the Directors with an update on the events from the annual commission report. This was done via teleconference. Overall, the reporting went very well. Chairman Malnes handled the experience by first providing the commissioners with a brief overview of the current status and activities of the school. Thereafter he responded to the various areas of inquiry. These questions were from the commission staff's report. Chairman Malnes requested Mr. Groshong provide each Director with a copy of the staff report.

Questions related to the school's STAR rating, the K12 discount, board training issues and a question relating to the Board's analysis of any K12 services agreement. A final question related to the manner of the school's accounting. All questions were addressed by Chairman Malnes and the school's administrative staff. Chairman Malnes believed that all responses were well received.

D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

1. Head of School Report

No Head of School report was scheduled as Ms. Edginton was out of state on school business.

E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Vore to approve the minutes from March 26, 2013 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Director Henginger seconded the motion
Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were addressed.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

A. BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH INVOICES

Mr. Wegner presented the March School Invoices for approval. The March invoices are usual and customary and the expenses are consistent with the approved budget and expected costs that the Board and administrative team prepared.

The invoices were reviewed by an IDVA employee, in accordance with school policy, and were also independently reviewed by Director Vore. No irregularities were identified during these reviews.

Motion made by Director Robinson-Eckert as follows:

Motion to approve the March invoices for IDVA, as presented and further moved to approve payment to K12 for submitted invoices in the amount of \$829, 393.67.

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

2. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Mr. Wegner next presented the check register data provided to the Board for March and indicated that this needs to be posted on the school's website. This information is simply presented in a different format for the electronic posting on the website as required by Idaho statute.

Motion was made by Director Robinson-Eckert as follows:

Motion to approve the March Check Register Report for posting on the school's expenditure website.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Wegner presented the March financial report to the Board. He indicated that the February 15th payment was the first of the true-up payments with the next payment to be on May 15th again based upon actual figures for attendance and students.

The budgeted figures for this school year are turning out to be very close to that which was budgeted. The biggest and main variance relates to Speech Therapy Services. Mr. Wegner explained the multiple reasons for why this cost is much higher than projected and why the reimbursement for the same is lower through Medicaid. This is approximately a \$600,000 cost for the school.

The current projected discount remains at approximately \$5.2 million dollars for the school year. This is approximately the same figure as last school year.

Motion made by Director Vore as follows:

Motion to approve the IDVA March Financial Report,
as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Robinson-Eckert.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. TRANSPORTATION AUDIT

The school underwent its Transportation Audit on the same day as the presentation to the Charter Commission. This Audit was scheduled for two days. The documentation was all in good order and the actual audit time took less than a full day. These audits are performed every other year.

Correctness of the documentation for transportation is critical as the school receives an 85% cost reimbursement through state funding, with the money received the following school year.

The outcome of this audit was very positive. There were only very minor adjustments of a few hundred dollars relating to a coding issue.

Mr. Wegner raised a request for the change in internet subsidy reimbursement for students as was discussed in detail during the audit. For the 2013-2014 school year, the request is that reimbursement again be opened for all students, not simply the Title I students. This change had been made as a result of the Committee work on cost savings when the state funding reductions had become so significant.

Discussion was held among the Board members about reimbursement, details as to how and when it is done each year, waiver of reimbursement from school families and financial impacts.

Motion was made by Director Robinson-Eckert as follows:

Motion to re-open internet reimbursements for all students attending IDVS commencing after July 1, 2013.

Motion seconded by Director Heninger.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

B. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

1. ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PASS RATES

In Ms. Edginton's absence, Mr. Groshong provided data to the Board relating to the data for the school year relating to improvement in the Alternative High School pass rates from the first quarter through the third quarter. The increase in pass rates has been extremely significant.

IDVA's Alternative School as with all other alternative school programs faces the same type of problems with student progress and attendance. These factors negatively impact student performance and outcomes.

In the first quarter, the program was very new and the teachers and administrators were working to get process and procedures well in place. As the school has now reached the third quarter, these are all in place, the student body has rapidly increased and the program is showing great improvement. The number and progress of the student body demonstrates that there was definitely a need for this type of an alternative virtual program for Idaho's High School student-aged population.

Director Robinson-Eckert started a discussion with the Board about the great work the teachers and administrators in this program have been

doing. The Board expressed great appreciation for the job that has been done.

C. PUPIL SERVICES

No business scheduled or conducted.

D. PERSONNEL

No personnel matters scheduled or addressed.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

Board Training – facilitated by Board Clerk Groshong.

The Directors engaged in an interactive discussion and training session relating to dealing with angry patrons.

Problem solving, approach, management versus governance, board role versus individual director role and de-escalation avenues were discussed among the directors relating to patrons as well as staff-related situations of anger or concern.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session scheduled or held.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

All of the Board's business being concluded, Chairman Malnes sought a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Director Robinson-Eckert that the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Director Heninger seconded the motion.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. (MDT)

Dated the 16th day of April, 2013.

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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