

**Idaho Virtual Academy
Board of Director's
Regular Board Meeting
December 15, 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.

C. 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>	<u> </u>
Position 2	Director Sankovich	(7/15)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Position 3	Director Robinson-Eckert	(7/16)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Position 4	Chairman Heninger	(7/17)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Position 5	Anne MacConnell	(7/17)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

Others in attendance:

- Kelly Edginton, Head of School
- Allen Wenger, Business Manager
- Mike Groshong, Board Clerk
- Gwen Buthman
- Marti Gudmundson
- 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 changes 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

Vice-Chairman Robinson-Eckert conducted the meeting in the absence of Chairman Heninger.

No Chairman’s report was presented.

D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

1. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her monthly report.

There was no new information to present to the Board regarding the OIG audit and no final report has been issued.

The winter break starts on December 21 and runs through January 1st. All student and teacher activity will be fully back to normal status as of January 4th.

A Spanish Translation of Orientation document has been completed and can be used by the school for non-English Spanish speaking families.

NCLB is now officially in the past. President Obama signed the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) signed into law last Wednesday. Under ESSA, states will be responsible for developing their own school accountability metrics — and the law underscores states’ role in establishing academic standards. While the White House says the new law will “reduce the often onerous burden of unnecessary and ineffective testing,” a key federal testing requirement will remain on the books. States will still have to

administer standardized tests in third through eighth grade, and once in high school. There will be a great deal more information forthcoming on this as the state works to set standards and addresses its new responsibilities under this law.

Idaho's existing waiver from No Child Left Behind will remain in effect until August 2016. Under the new legislation Obama signed Thursday, Idaho's accountability measures will be on hold for at least another year and a half, Peter Zamora, director of federal relations for the Council of Chief State School Officers, said at the last State Board meeting. After the existing waiver expires in August, the 2016-17 school year will also be counted as a "transition" year, he said.

Supt Ybarra has noted that this year's ISAT will be approximately 30 minutes shorter in length as they are removing a performance task. The length of standardized assessments is a frequent concern of parents and community members.

Ms. Edginton addressed the issue of the 2014/15 PCSC Annual Performance Report and the obligations and work the school does with the PCSC and its staff.

2. A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IDVA TEACHER

Gwen Buthman presented to the Directors information regarding her day as an IDVA teacher. She has been a Special Education Teacher for the school since 2011 and is also a parent with 3 students in the school.

Ms. Buthman presented the Directors with detailed information regarding Idaho Alternative Assessment Students and the school's role in addressing the special education needs of its students.

Ms. Buthman stood for questions.

The Directors expressed appreciation for the report and the information that they learned about the programs and services provided to the school's special education student population.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes from November Regular Meeting
2. Approval of November Monthly Invoices
3. Approval of K12 Invoice
4. Approval of Payment to K12

5. Approval of November Check register for Website Posting
6. Approval of November 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 MacConnell.
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

A. BUSINESS

1. POLICY 902.5 – Amended First Reading

Head of School Edginton presented the Directors with a proposed amendment to existing Policy 902.5 relating to Student Attendance and Truancy. This is a simplification of the policy language and clarification of the processes used.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to approve the proposed amendment to Policy 902.5, as presented.

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

2. POLICY 908 - 2nd Reading Student Gender Identification and Sexual Orientation

Ms. White presented this policy to the Directors for a second reading. There was an edit to the document from that initially presented relating to an eliminated footer that was not school-related and numbering the policy to fit into the school's numbering system.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

3. IDAHO CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Edginton introduced the subject matter to the Directors. She detailed both pro's and con's to membership from a factual perspective, not providing any personal opinion.

Motion was made by Director Tower to join the Charter Network for the current school year.

Motion seconded by Director Sankovich.

Motion approved by a three to one vote, with Director MacConnell dissenting.

B. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

1. ACADEMIC REPORT

Ms. Edginton's academic report was delayed until the January meeting.

C. PUPIL SERVICES

1. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Head of School Edginton then presented the Directors with the current enrollment report. This information is provided to the Directors orally, for questions as well as in a detailed written format.

Enrollment is open for the 2nd semester. There were 202 student enrollments pending as of Friday and 216 pending as of the day of this report.

D. PERSONNEL

1. PERSONNEL REPORT

No matters were scheduled or addressed.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

No matters were scheduled or addressed.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(b) for the purposes of hearing charges or complaints regarding a public school employee, staff member or agent. The motion was seconded by Director Sankovich and passed unanimously through a roll call vote. Executive session was entered into at 8:26 pm.

Present during executive session were the Directors, Ms. Edginton, and Amy White.

Brief information was provided to the Directors regarding the need to ratify action taken by the Head of School.

The hearing adjourned at 8:36 p.m. with the Directors, Administration and Counsel returning to the meeting in open session.

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

Motion was made by Director Tower as follows:

Motion to ratify and approve the action of Head of School Edginton to place employee "G" on a period of paid administrative leave.

Motion seconded by Director Robinson-Eckert.

Motion approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Director Tower seconded the motion.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. (MDT)

Dated this 15th day of December, 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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