

**Idaho Virtual Academy  
Board of Director's  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 15, 2015**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

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

**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	Vacant Seat	(7/15)	_____	_____
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)	_____	_____

*Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0*

Others in attendance:

Kelly Edginton, Head of School  
Allen Wenger, Business Manager  
Mike Groshong, Board Clerk  
Jodee Sisson, Special Education  
Scott Miller, High School Principal  
Jill Gudgell, K-5 Teacher  
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 agenda.

### B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No member of the public signed up for public input.

### C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director's Report:

#### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Heninger provided the Directors with an update on the Board's search for a new Director. There is one good candidate that has just applied; communication was set out to parents at the start of the school year and at the end of September/beginning of October she hopes that interviews can take place.

Discussion was held regarding finalization of the face-to-face board meetings for March 21 and 22 in Idaho Falls and on July 18 and 19 in Meridian. The Directors did not indicate any expected problems with the dates and locations, with Director Robinson-Ecker's proviso relating to settling a family member's estate.

### D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

#### 1. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her monthly report.

Back to School picnic events are scheduled to occur around the state on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

She addressed what diagnostic assessments are being utilized with the discontinuation of Scantron.

Ms. Edginton discussed the changes with the state's ESEA waiver approval and what those changes may mean at the individual school level and with regard to the ratings systems.

Ms. Edginton provided an update on her activities with the Governor's Task Force and the preliminary approach with regard to funding modifications that she does not believe will be a benefit to the school's programs. She will continue working with this subgroup and continue to voice her thoughts with regard to the funding implications to a school, such as IDVA, where the students are transient.

There is nothing new to report with regard to the OIG audit. The school still has not received any final written report.

K12's annual state strategy meeting is set for October. At that time a number of the interested parties will get together to analyze the current political climate in the state and what impact to the school can be expected associated with current political trends. The school funding formula has been and will continue to be a major topic of discussion.

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information about the state of Washington's current Supreme Court Decision relating to charter schools.

Ms. Edginton next moved to showing the Directors the IDVA High School Profile documentation. This currently includes both the VHS and AHS information and statistics including information on SAT and ACT scores for IDVA students in comparison to the state's average and the national average. The ACT scores had a large increase this year and IDVA's students scored better than the state and national average on the ACT, including the AHS students in such calculations.

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with an update from the New Family Face to Face Orientations that had occurred in 14 locations around the state. Administrators traveled around the state and local teachers attended in order to aid new families with an orientation into the school's program. Approximately 76.6% of all newly enrolled students/families attended the face to face sessions. For those that were unable to attend the teachers conducted an on-line orientation. She reported positive input was received relative to these activities. She showed the Directors a number of photographs from these events.

Ms. Edginton showed the Directors a photograph from a recent 1<sup>st</sup> day of school contest from the Idaho Education News. An IDVA family from Idaho Falls won the contest.

Ms. Edginton shared the experience of IDVA students who participated in Girls' State. She also provided the Directors with a sampling of the Middle School Newsletter, detailing the type of content found in this newsletter.

She reported that the start of the school year has been very smooth and very positive.

Chairman Heninger thanked Head of School Edginton for her report and also thanked the Administrators and Teachers for their participation in the Back to School Orientation activities.

**2. DAY IN THE LIFE REPORT**

Ms. Edginton introduced Jill Gudgell, a K5 teacher at the Elementary School. Ms. Gudgell provided the Directors with her report as to what her experience is like as a virtual teacher for the District and what that responsibility entails.

Chairman Heninger thanked Ms. Gudgell for her excellent report as well as the wonderful work that she does for the school's students.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes from August Annual Meeting
2. Approval of August Monthly Invoices
3. Approval of K12 Invoice
4. Approval of Payment to K12
5. Approval of August Check register for Website Posting
6. Approval of August 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 Robinson- Eckert to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:**

**A. BUSINESS**

**1. POLICY 912.3**

This policy addresses Alternative High School placement for students. Ms. Edginton explained that the existing policy did not provide any discretion for her to make exceptions from that placement and that in application there needs to be discretion for the unusual situation or student.

Questions were raised from the Directors relating to what it takes to be qualified as an Alternative School Student. Discussion was made as to a desire to “tweak” on additional provision of the policy so that eligibility requirements were more clearly presented in the policy. However, the Board would like to input the discretionary allowance that Ms. Edginton is seeking and then bring the policy back to address the discussion of the Administration and Directors.

Motion was made by Director Robinson-Eckert to approve the amendment to Policy 912.3, as presented, allowing the Head of School discretion in the enrollment of students at the Alternative School, with the understanding that such policy will be returned to the Board at its next meeting to address the clarity of qualification issue addressed by the Board and Administration.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF VHS/AHS HANDBOOKS**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the VHS and AHS Handbooks. The reason that these were brought back before the Board related to some telephone numbers that needed to be updated. The update of phone numbers is the only change in the handbooks being presented for approval.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the amendments to the VHS and AHS Handbooks, as presented.

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

**B. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM**

**1. ACADEMIC REPORT**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with a written report. She likewise presented an Executive Summary of that report addressing the following:

- IDVA Enrollment 9/8/2015: 2352 (IDVA enrollment Sept 2014: 2655)
- Face to Face New Student Orientation: 76.6% of newly enrolled students attended!
- Welcome Back Assembly attendance
  - o K5: 60% / MS: 60.6% / HS: 45%
- Orientation Task Completion:
  - o K5: 95.6% / MS: 97.4% / HS: pending
- High School Pass Rates
  - o Coming Soon!
- 38 students currently enrolled in Mark12Reading intervention courses
- 51 students currently enrolled in high school IDVA academic intervention courses (Tier 2 courses) – note that not all HS students identified for intervention will be served through a specific intervention course. All students will take interim assessments on a regular cycle and will receive academic intervention through the content teachers based on the results of the assessments.
- 249 students currently enrolled in K-8 Advanced Learner Program (siblings of ALP students are counted into the numbers and may or may not qualify for ALP)
- 218 students currently enrolled in High School Advanced Opportunity Courses

**C. PUPIL SERVICES**

**1. ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Head of School Edginton then presented the Directors with the current enrollment report. The report information that is in the Board's packet includes the figures as of last Friday. As of this morning there are 2414 students fully enrolled for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or fall start. There are still

students in the process for approval at certain grade levels and for other time periods.

At this time the school's special education population is also increasing. In the past few years it has slowly been climbing from the 10% range to the 11% range. This year the figures are at a significant jump to 12.7 percent of the population.

Chairman Heninger indicated that she was pleased to see the enrollment figures dramatically increase right with the start of the school year.

**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 Tower to enter into executive session pursuant to section 74-206(1)(b) for the consideration of evaluation of and/or to hear complaints or charges brought against a staff member or agent of the school.

Motion was seconded by Chairman Heninger.  
Motion passed with unanimous roll call.

Executive session commenced at 8:31.

The Directors and legal counsel addressed the subject matter that was the stated purpose for the executive session.

The Directors adjourned from executive session, returning to open session at 8:40 p.m.

**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.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (MDT)

Dated this 15th day of September, 2015.

Mike Groshong  
Board Clerk

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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.

## IDVA BOARD MEMBERS

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