

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

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting commenced at 7:33 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>	_____
Position 2	Vacant Seat	(7/15)	<u> X </u>	_____
	Position filled during Meeting			
	Director Sankovich			
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>	_____
	<i>Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0</i>			

Others in attendance:

- Kelly Edginton, Head of School
- Allen Wenger, Business Manager
- Mike Groshong, Board Clerk
- Scott Miller, High School Principal
- Jenny Whelan, Middle School Principal
- Jodee Sisson, Special Services
- Laura Sankovich
- Amy White, Board Counsel
- Open Teleconference Line

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were two items that were removed from the posted agenda as they had been fully addressed at the last meeting.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the amended agenda and accordingly amend the agenda to remove the board's consideration and discussion regarding policy 902.5a and 902.5b as both matters were fully addressed at the last meeting.

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

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 raised the issue of the March face-to-face as currently scheduled and the fact that it falls in spring break. She is looking to move the meeting up one week if that works with all Directors' schedules.

2. PRESENTATION/SELECTION – NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Heninger introduced the full board to Laura Sankovich, the applicant for the open board position that the committee is advancing for consideration.

She presented information regarding her background and history and opened the floor to board questions.

Motion was made by Chairman Heninger to appoint Laura Sankovich to the IDVA Board of Trustees, Seat 2, to complete the pending open term of office.

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

Director Sankovich was welcomed to the Board and seated in her position to participate for the remainder of the Board Meeting. Clerk Groshong to address collection of the Oath of Office from Director Sankovich.

D. INFORMATIONAL – BOARD STAFF DISCUSSIONS

1. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her monthly report. The issues that Ms. Edginton addressed included:

- OIG Audit Update – as of this time, the OIG still has yet to issue a written report regarding the matter. At this stage, the school’s personnel do not know when one will be forthcoming.
- Thanksgiving Break is scheduled for November 25th through 27th.
- Ms. Edginton provided information regarding a Virtual Charter School Study that had been performed by the Walton Family and recently issued. This study did not include any Idaho students and failed to address a number of other variables such as increased poverty rates in charter schools than traditional schools (of which IDVA’s is even higher than that for charter schools) and students having scored lower than average on prior year’s state assessments. She addressed a number of the other categories addressed in the study. She indicated that she had talked about the study with Charter Commission Chairman Reed, who remains very supportive of the school and its programs. She did open the subject matter to the Board for questions and answers.
- Ms. Edginton then next addressed the School Report Card and how the ratings were continued due to the SBAC field test and the first year of actual test, thus lacking comparative data. She addressed the performance targets for overall and for white student subgroups. She indicates that she will continue to provide the Directors with regard to “categorization” data.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes from October Regular Meeting
2. Approval of October Monthly Invoices
3. Approval of K12 Invoice
4. Approval of Payment to K12
5. Approval of October Check register for Website Posting
6. Approval of October 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 Eckert 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 902.7 – Amended First Reading**

Head of School Edginton presented the Directors with a proposed amendment to existing Policy 902.7 that relates to Student Orientation as part of the enrollment process. She explained the details of the proposed modification and why this proposal was being advanced.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the proposed amendment to Policy 902.7, as presented.

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

2. **POLICY 505 - Amended First Reading**

Ms. White reviewed proposed amendments to Policy 505.0, the Uniform Grievance Procedure. The proposed edits address a change in the process as well as address the position of Mr. Zamora as the school's Non-Discrimination Coordinator.

Ms. White responded to questions from the Directors relating to the appeal process utilized in this policy.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to approve the proposed edits to Policy 505 as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Heninger.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

3. **POLICY 702.6 – Amended First Reading – Compliance with ADA Regarding Employees with Disabilities and Reasonable Accommodation**
POLICY 702.7 – Amended First Reading – Idaho State Veteran Employment Preference
POLICY 711.1 – Amended First Reading - Harassment
POLICY 907.2 – Amended First Reading – Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
POLICY 1000.3 – Amended First Reading – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Ms. White presented all of the above policies during a single discussion as they are all in relation to changes the school has made in relation to Mr. Zamora and his position as the Non-Discrimination Coordinator. Each of the first five policies addresses amendments to the existing policies for these purposes.

Director Robinson-Eckert inquired regarding the above listed policies and the interplay with the Uniform Grievance Procedure Policy just previously amended.

Motion was made by Director Eckert to approve the proposed edits to Policy 702.6, 702.7, 711.1, 907.2, 1000.3 as presented.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. **POLICY 900 – New First Reading – Equality in Education, Non-Discrimination and Sex Equity in the School Setting**
POLICY 700/800 – New First Reading – Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination in the Work Environment

Ms. White presented the Directors with Policy 700, 800 and 900. All of these policies are new policies that generally state and outline the non-discrimination status of the educational environment for school personnel as well as students.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the proposed policies 900 and 700/800, as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Heninger.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

5. **SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY – First Reading**

Ms. White presented this policy for a first reading. She asked that the Board examine the language of this policy closely and that this be brought back for a second reading and possible board approval during the next board meeting.

The Board attempted to next re-order the agenda to hold a student hearing that had been set for a scheduled time during the Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Director Eckert to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(b) for the purposes of conducting a student hearing. The motion was seconded by Director Tower and passed unanimously through a roll call vote. Executive session was entered into at 8:33 pm. Numerous attempts were made to address technological difficulties in bringing the family and other administrative personnel into the executive session. Thus, no executive session commenced and the student hearing was delayed until technical difficulties could be resolved.

The Directors returned to open session at 9:01 p.m. to continue with the business section of the Board agenda.

6. **ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL NEW NAME PROPOSAL**
7. **ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION/VISION STATEMENTS**

Principal Miller addressed how these subject matters came to light. During the accreditation the issue of a new mission and visions statement was discussed. The desire was to separate the statement from the IDVA general statement and to do such through a formalized system involving stakeholder input. Mr. Miller detailed how this occurred and the work that was done with staff, students and parents. As part of this discussion, the issue of the school's name entered into the discussion. It was decided that students and staff wanted something other than "IDVA Alternative High School" to be on student transcripts and diplomas.

The Directors asked questions to Mr. Miller regarding the process and expressed appreciation for the methods used and the open engagement with students and families.

Mr. Miller also advised the Directors that the Administration and staff are looking closely at the current high school schedules and are contemplating recommending a change for next school year to increase the opportunities for credit opportunities for students. This would involve utilization of a block schedule. Investigation and research are ongoing and if this proves to be a viable consideration, the administration will bring back to the Board a recommendation in this regard.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the newly proposed school mission and vision and to change the name of the IDVA Alternative High School to the Idaho Vision High School.

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

8. **K/5 and MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISIONS**
9. **VHS AND AHS HANDBOOK REVISIONS**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with minor proposed edits to the student handbooks. Information was added in the K/5 and Middle School relating to live classes disclaimer, outing information and ALP referral. The VHS and AHS modification relates to a disclaimer for live classes.

Motion was made by Director Tower to approve the proposed edits to the school handbooks as presented.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.
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 11/9/2015: 2326 (IDVA enrollment Nov 2014: 2609)
- High School Pass Rates
 - All High School: 66.6%
 - AHS: 40.3%
 - VHS: 76%
 - 7th & 8th Math & ELA: 81.7%
- AHS Qtr 1 final pass rate: 58.8%
- 40 students currently enrolled in Mark12Reading intervention courses
 - *Note: fewer students in Mark12 this year due to students being assigned to course pacing.*
- 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.*
- 241 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)
- 205 students currently enrolled in High School Advanced Opportunity Courses

Ms. Edginton opened the floor for questions.

C. PUPIL SERVICES

1. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Head of School Edginton then presented the Directors with the current enrollment report. IDVA Enrollment as of 11/9/2015 was at 2326.

Enrollment always takes a bit of a dip at this point during this time of the year but it will soon start to increase again with the enrollments for second semester.

Chairman Heninger raised questions about the status of marketing at this time. The next major marketing push is to commence in January, with national media pushes in March. There has been a change in K12 marketing personnel taking place and hope to know more in the coming weeks.

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 Eckert to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 74-206(1)(b) for the purposes of conducting a student hearing. The motion was seconded by Chairman Heninger and passed unanimously through a roll call vote. Executive session was entered into at 9:26 pm.

Present during executive session were the Directors, Ms. Edginton, the family of the student in question, Principal Whelan, Jodee Sisson and Amy White.

A student hearing was conducted.

The hearing adjourned at 10:26 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 accept the findings of the Administrative Truancy Committee and to deny enrollment of Student "A" at IDVA based upon violation of the school's truancy policy. Should Student "A" seek to reenroll at IDVA for the 2016-2017 school year or any time thereafter the student/family of the student must participate in a re-enrollment/reinstatement hearing before the Board.

Motion seconded by Director Heninger
Motion approved by unanimous vote of the Board

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

All of the Board's business being concluded, Motion was made by Director 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 10:30 p.m. (MDT)

Dated this 17th day of November, 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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