



# ARKANSAS

## VIRTUAL ACADEMY<sup>SM</sup>

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
October 7, 2019

### **Present**

#### Board Members

Dr. Gary McHenry

Paige Gorman

Jess Askew

Joel Edel

#### Staff

Amy Johnson

Peter Smith

Ashley Holder

Kristin Allen

Jessica Stack

Amanda Felton

Vanaja Duraiswamy

### **Preliminary Items**

#### Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on October 7, 2019 at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry.

#### Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

### Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** Jess Askew motioned to approve all meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Paige Gorman and was approved unanimously as presented.

## **Board Chair's Report**

### Commendation of Ann Clemmer

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry expressed desire to commend Ann Clemmer for her participation on the Board and to wish her well in her new endeavors.

### Introduction of Potential Board Candidate

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry introduced Mr. Joel Edel and asked for any questions from the current board. No questions were brought forth and Mr. Edel was thanked for his interest.

## **Action Agenda Items**

### Offer of Board Position

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry offered the position of Board Member to Mr. Joel Edel of Bentonville.

**ACTION:** Jess Askew made the motion to offer the Board Position as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### Minority Recruitment Plan

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of School, Amy Johnson, who addressed the purpose and intention of the plan. This plan will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education, as required.

**ACTION:** Jess Askew made the motion to accept the proposed Minority Recruitment Plan as a strategy for moving forward. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

## **Head of School's Report**

### Annual Report to the Public

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson explained the Annual Report to the Public, which is mandated by law. Mrs. Johnson talked through the specific sections of the report and the relevance of each section. Questions and comments were taken from the Board.

### Career Tech Education Pathway Additions

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson explained ARVA is applying for two new CTE Pathways – Family and Consumer Sciences and Medical. Each of these pathways have the potential to steer students toward careers that are in demand in our state. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of ARVA students to engage in internships with industry leaders across the state.

### Academic Achievement Data

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson talked through tools that the administration uses to track a variety of issues that impact student success. Mrs. Johnson shared the STAR Growth Tracker and the benefits of this tool in analyzing student and staff data.

### August 2020 Financial Review

Vanaja Duraiswamy, Southern Region Finance Analyst, talked through the financial review and forecast. Ms. Duraiswamy also shared that financial audit will begin at the end of October and last approximately two weeks.

### Other Comment Public Comments

None

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 5:23 PM.

**Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager**

**Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School**