



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
August 14, 2020

Present

Board Members

Gary McHenry
Jess Askew
Joel Edel
Paige Gorman
Dana Kelley

Staff

Amy Johnson
Kristin Allen
Rhonda Soule
Jodi Marshall
Perry Daniel

Guest

Rodney Nagel

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on August 14, 2020 via conference call by Jess Askew.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Jess Askew.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Approval of minutes was tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

Board Chair's Report

Potential New Board Member

Jess Askew introduced Rodney Nagel as a potential new Board Member. Mr. Nagel gave a brief summary of his background and expressed his interest in Arkansas Virtual Academy and the possibility of joining the Board.

ACTION: Jess Askew made a motion to invite Mr. Nagel to join the ARVA Board of Directors effective immediately, Joel Edel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Rodney Nagel accepted the position and joined the Board.

Action Agenda Items

Current School Cap and Increase Requests

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, reported that there are many moving parts at this point in the back to school environment statewide. Mrs. Johnson shared information regarding the enrollment growth, especially at the elementary level, and the potential of the current cap being met quickly. Discussion of how to proceed in relation to the current cap, any future increase requests, and the authorization process for an increase followed.

ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to authorize ARVA to expand to 5,500 students given the following: 1) The Charter Panel meets and approves this request, 2) The Chairman of the Board consults with the Head of Schools regarding enrollment as it comes, 3) This authorization must be used between now and September 15, 2020, and 4) The Head of Schools must be comfortable with the ability to meet the needs of the students. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 5:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School