

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors

January 5, 2017

Board Members Present

John Riggs
Gary McHenry
Chad Gallagher
Ann Clemmer
Paige Gorman

Not Present

Jess Askew

Staff

Scott Sides
Amy Johnson
Bethany Johnson

Guests

Karen Ghidotti
Sue Duffy
John Kramer

Call to Order

Chair, Mr. John Riggs, called the board meeting to order at 4:06 P.M. Mr. Riggs then asked for a roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting's minutes were accepted as presented.

Action Agenda Items

Charter Amendment

Head of School, Dr. Scott Sides, presented the charter amendment and the documents that are required to be submitted with the amendment on January 11th. Dr. Sides presented the incremental approach to provide additional benefit to students through an expansion of the current enrollment cap of 2,000 to 3,000 students over a three year period of time. If approved by the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors, the Charter Authorizing Panel of the Arkansas Department of Education would hear the amendment request on February 15th or 16th. After presentation of the amendment

request, the ARVA Board discussed the value proposition of the charter amendment, placing particular emphasis on the importance of an expansion of high school course offerings.

Chair, John Riggs, called the question of the Board's position on the proposed plan for an increase in the enrollment cap, which proposed an increase in the enrollment cap from 2,000 students to 3,000 students over a three year period. Chad Gallagher motioned to approve the move to 3,000, Ann Clemmer seconded the motion. A vote was made and it was a unanimous yes to pursue an enrollment cap increase to 3,000 students.

Head of School's Report

ACT Aspire Interims

Chair, John Riggs, asked about the status of the ACT Aspire Interims. Dr. Sides indicated that ARVA has been approved to provide ACT Aspire Interims within students' homes. The ACT Aspire Interims assessments would be required to be provided three times per year and will provide assessment information which is expected to be closely aligned the ACT Aspire summative assessment, which is administered throughout the state each spring.

Proposed Meeting Dates

February 7th

March 14th

June 13th

July 18th

In conclusion, Scott Sides noted that Arkansas Virtual Academy's first prom will take place on May 19th beginning at 7:00 pm and ending at 1:00 pm. Also, Arkansas Virtual Academy is excited to have the first student commencement ceremony for graduating seniors on Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 PM. Both events will take place at Little Rock First Baptist Church.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.