



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
June 22, 2020

Present

Board Members

Dr. Gary McHenry
Jess Askew
Joel Edel
Paige Gorman
Dana Kelley

Staff

Amy Johnson
Kristin Allen
Rhonda Soule
Jodi Marshall
Perry Daniel
Eric Harter

Guests

David Mitchell

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A special meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on June 22, 2020 via conference call by Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Joel Edel motioned to approve prior meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jess Askew and was approved unanimously as presented.

Board Chair's Report

Special Committee Report

Board Chairman, Dr. Gary McHenry, turned the floor over to Jess Askew who reported that the committee has been in negotiations regarding the contract between K12 and ARVA. The committee has not been able to successfully negotiate the contract and is making the recommendation to give K12 notice of intent to non-renew the contract. Mr. Askew shared that this would give the balance of the current contract to negotiate moving forward with a mutually beneficial agreement. Joel Edel and Dana Kelley echoed these comments. Discussion of this action followed.

Action Agenda Items

Letter of Intent to Non-Renew

Board Chairman, Dr. Gary McHenry, brought forth the Special Committee's recommendation of submitting a Letter of Intent to Non-Renew. Discussion followed.

ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to ask ARVA's legal counsel, David Mitchell, to give notice of intent not to renew the current contract with K12 and to frame the notice in a manner that will improve and strengthen the relationship moving forward. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Jess Askew made an additional motion that Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, have the authority to act on his own to review the Non-Renewal Letter prior to submission. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was also approved unanimously.

Head of School's Report

Amendment for Increase in Cap

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented information regarding the submission of a request for increase in ARVA's enrollment cap. The Charter Hearing regarding this 500-student increase request is scheduled for July 14, 2020. A question and answer discussion followed.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 4:52PM.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School