



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
June 8, 2020

Present

Board Members

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

Staff

Amy Johnson
Kristin Allen
Amanda Felton
Ashley Holder
Michelle Newnum
Lisa Short
Rhonda Soule
Jessica Stack
Amanda Sullivan
Perry Daniel
Vanaja Duraiswamy
Tom Graham
John Kramer
Jodi Marshall

Guests

David Mitchell

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on June 8, 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: Dana Kelley 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

Board Seat Fulfillment

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, shared that the process will begin to fill the open Board seat. Dr. McHenry turned over to ARVA Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, who explained that nominations would be accepted and vetted by K12.

Special Committee Report

Jess Askew turned the floor over to Joel Edel who shared that contract negotiations are ongoing. Dr. Gary McHenry made a decree that a Special Board Meeting be held on June 22nd at 4:00 pm. More details will be available following the June 22nd Board Meeting.

Action Agenda Items

2020-2021 School Improvement Plans

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, turned the floor over to Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Mrs. Johnson explained to the Board that Elementary, Middle School, and High School Improvement plans are required annually by Arkansas Department of Education. ARVA treats these plans as living, breathing documents and updates as needed throughout the year. Plans for each grade band were shared.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to approve the 20-21 School Improvement Plans as presented. Jess Askew seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 Federal Grants Plans and Budgets (Title I, Title II A, and Title IV)

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Changes from previous Federal Grant Plans and Budgets were outlined including reallocations as may be necessary due to COVID-19.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Federal Grants Plans and Budgets (Title I, Title II A, and Title IV) as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 Budget

Head of Schools Amy Johnson turned the floor over to John Kramer, K12 Vice President of Finance, who introduced Tom Graham, K12 Regional Finance Director. Vanaja Duraiswamy, K12 Finance Analyst, then shared the details of the 2020-2021 Budget highlights and changes. Jess Askew requested that the term “Educational Services” be revised to “Administrative Services” within the budget document for consistency purposes.

ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget as presented. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2019-2020 Bonus

Dr. Gary McHenry, Board Chair, turned the floor over to Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Mrs. Johnson presented the proposed 2019-2020 Bonus program.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to accept the 2019-2020 Bonus plan as presented. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 Salary Approval

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented the proposed 2020-2021 salaries.

ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to approved the 2020-2021 Salary Approval as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 Parent and Family Handbook

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented the 2020-2021 Parent and Family Handbook including new and updated policies. FERPA and Non-Discrimination policies that will be forthcoming.

ACTION: Dana Kelley made the motion to approve and accept the 2020-2021 Parent and Family Handbook as presented along with the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Policy as outlined. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Policy

Amy Johnson, Head of Schools, explained that a Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Policy is required by our insurance policy.

ACTION: Not applicable. See above.

2020-2021 Certified and Classified Policies

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented the 2020-2021 Certified and Classified Polices including updates to the current FMLA policy and the addition of Newrow and Zoom Staff Expectations and Etiquette.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to approve and accept the 2020-2021 Certified and Classified Policies as presented. Jess Askew seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2020-2021 School Calendar Approval

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented the proposed school calendar including start and end dates as well as additional pertinent information. Dr. Gary McHenry requested that Board Meeting dates be added to the calendar.

ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar with the suggested addition of Board Meeting dates. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Head of School's Report

Innovation Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented information regarding various ARVA Innovation pieces. Exciting things are on the horizon.

SY 2020 Results and Celebrations

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, shared data reflecting positive results and celebrations. Additionally, information was presented regarding COVID considerations and CARES ACT funding. Discussion ensued regarding re-registration and potential enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 6:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School