



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
March 12, 2018

Present

Board Members

Ann Clemmer
Dr. Gary McHenry
Jess Askew
Paige Gorman
Steve Davis

Staff

Amy Johnson
Bethany Johnson
Monique Yarnell
Scott Sides

Guests

John Kramer
Lisa Short
Vanaja Duraiswamy
Vic Hugo

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on March 12, 2018 at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. McHenry.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Dr. McHenry asked for a motion for the January 22, 2018 meeting minutes to be approved. Paige Gorman moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Steve Davis and was approved unanimously as presented.

Board Chair's Report

Board Vacancy

Dr. McHenry made the board aware of the recent resignation of board member, Chad Gallagher. Board members now total 5 active members. The potential of searching for an additional 1 or 2 board members was discussed amongst the board. Dr. Scott Sides recognized the current board members and their professional expertise and suggested an active search for a community-oriented business leader be considered. Dr. McHenry suggested each board member provide Dr. Sides candidacy recommendations, so he can compile the list of nominees and a selection process can begin.

Preparing Annual Board Training

Dr. Gary McHenry asked the board if it is their wish for Dr. Sides to prepare an annual, face-to-face board training that would take place over the course of 2 days in the month of October 2018. The board agreed upon the dates of October 1st and October 2nd for face-to-face training at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office.

Action Agenda Items

Annual Special Education Application and Budget

Dr. Sides apprised the board that each year ARVA submits a series of assurances to the Department of Education to confirm ARVA is adhering to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A summary of the assurances document was presented to the board by Dr. Sides. The assurances had been provided to the board.

ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to adopt and approve ARVA's statement of intent. Steve Davis seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Destinations Career Academy Initiative

Dr. Sides reminded the board the Destination Career Academy Initiative was initially presented to the board in the January 22, 2018, board meeting. Dr. Sides noted that the Designation Career Academy Initiative has shown increased student persistence in other schools where this initiative has been deployed. The presentation to the board also communicated the goal of the initiative is to provide students with course pathways that are created to provide students with industry certifications upon graduation to increase their

immediate readiness and competitiveness in the workforce. The presentation ended with the initiative's impact on the current budget.

ACTION ITEM: Ann Clemmer made the motion to move in the direction of ARVA becoming a Destination Career Academy and accept the proposal as presented. Jess Askew seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Head of School's Report

Lease Discussion

Scott Sides provided an update to the board surrounding lease renewal and/or new location of the Arkansas Virtual Academy office. He provided a floorplan/layout and budget impact related to each location. The board expressed the importance that thoughtful consideration continue pertaining to a closer proximity to state government affairs, while also considering staff growth and the overall needs of the school.

Recent Successes and Current Student Persistence

Dr. Sides recognized ARVA's first student to become a National Merit Finalist. It was also reported that student persistence was trending by an improvement of 5.9% when compared to the same point in time in the prior year. ARVA's DECA students' presence at Arkansas Children's Hospital was noted in Dr Sides report. It was celebrated that ARVA's DECA students had earned the chance to participate in the national DECA competition. Lastly, ARVA's 2018 graduation speaker will be Allison Cleveland, Executive VP for K12 Inc.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 5:53pm.

Minutes submitted by: Monique Yarnell- Operations Manager

Approved by: Scott Sides- Head of School