



# ARKANSAS

## VIRTUAL ACADEMY<sup>SM</sup>

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
March 16, 2020

### **Present**

#### Board Members

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

#### Absent:

David Straessle

#### Staff

Amy Johnson  
Kristin Allen  
Ashley Holder  
Amanda Sullivan  
Jessica Stack  
John Kramer  
Amanda Felton  
Vanaja Duraiswamy  
Perry Daniel

#### Guests

Nathan Poston

### **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 16, 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: Jess Askew motioned to approve all meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Joel Edel and was approved unanimously as presented.**

## **Board Chair's Report**

### Inactive Board Seat

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry addressed the issue of Board Member David Straessle having only attended one meeting of the ARVA Board. Dr. Gary McHenry recommended that the board consider removing Mr. Straessle due to inactivity. Jess Askew motioned to move the status of the board membership of Mr. David Straessle to the action agenda. Joel Edel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

## **Action Agenda Items**

### Board Membership Status

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry addressed the inactivity of Mr. David Straessle as an ARVA Board Member. Head of Schools, Amy Johnson confirmed that Mr. Straessle had been included in all Board Meeting communications.

**ACTION: Jess Askew made the motion to remove Mr. David Straessle from the board position due to inactivity and lack of attendance. It was stated that this removal is irreversible and without animosity. The motion was seconded by Paige Gorman and was approved unanimously.**

### ARVA Audit

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson introduced Mr. Nathan Poston with Landmark PLC. Mr. Poston explained the Audit Report Documents. Discussion ensued. During this time, Dr. Gary McHenry had to leave the meeting and passed the gavel to the Vice Chair, Jess Askew who noted receipt of the audit report and thanked Mr. Poston for his diligence and work.

**ACTION: Joel Edel made the motion to approve the audit as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.**

### Tallo

Vice Board Chair, Jess Askew turned the floor over to Head of Schools, Amy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson addressed that the Board approved Tallo at the January meeting with the understanding that there would be follow-up regarding security measures that were in question. Mrs. Johnson explained that Tallo is a closed network and that there are strict screening and messaging features included.

**ACTION: Jess Askew noted that no Board action is required.**

## **Special Committee Update**

### K12 Trip

Vice Board Chair, Jess Askew discussed the recent trip that several board members took to the K12 Offices in Herndon, VA. This proved to be a very productive meeting with excellent conversation. A draft contract between ARVA and K12 has been submitted to K12 for response. Board Member Joel Edel and Head of Schools Amy Johnson voiced their agreement with productivity of the meeting.

## **Head of School's Report**

### Monthly Financial Report

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson turned the floor over to Vanaja Duraiswamy, K12 Finance Analyst. Ms. Duraiswamy shared the ARVA FY19-20 Finance Review as of February 2020 month end.

### Innovation Plan Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson shared that ARVA recently inducted their very first National Honor Society members. Twenty-four students were inducted virtually into the National Honor Society. Mrs. Johnson discussed the ongoing developments and initiatives of ARVA's Innovation Plan. An Innovation Update section will be added into the Board Newsletter in effort to continue updates as they unfold. Additionally, Mrs. Johnson addressed ARVA's COVID-19 plans for operation along with state testing contingency plans.

## **Public Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Jess Askew at 4:57 PM.

**Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager**

**Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School**