



ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors

March 14, 2017

Board Members Present

John Riggs

Gary McHenry

Paige Gorman

Jess Askew

Chad Gallagher

Not Present

Ann Clemmer

Staff

Scott Sides

Amy Johnson

Lauren Throneberry

Bethany Johnson

Guests

John Kramer

Sue Duffy

Denise Wetzel



Call to Order

Chair, Mr. John Riggs called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Mr. Riggs then asked for a roll call.

Approval of Minutes

February's meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Board Chair's Report

John Riggs explained that Steve Davis would be willing to serve on the ARVA Board of Directors and could join the board in the month of July. Mr. Riggs explained that the board would review Mr. Davis' candidacy in the July meeting.

Action Agenda Items

State Testing Amendment and Costs

Dr. Scott Sides presented the testing computer amendment and estimate. Dr. Sides asked for the board's approval on the estimate for a successful ACT Aspire season. The question was raised whether the testing computer cost was built into the budget. The cost had been fully budgeted.

Jess Askew made the motion to approve the expense, Paige Gormon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous approval of the motion.

Title VI B Statement of Intent and Assurances

Head of School, Scott Sides, presented the Statement of Intent and supplemental documents for Title VI-B funds for coming fiscal year. The presentation timeline was moved forward with a June 1st deadline for submission.

Chad Gallagher motioned to approve, Jess Askew seconded, the vote was a unanimous approval of the motion.

Title IX Documents for Website

Scott presented the template for Title IX that has been developed by K12's legal team. If approved, Arkansas Virtual Academy would publish the policy and associated documentation on the website and in the appropriate policy handbooks. The suggested designee was Bethany Johnson.

Chad Gallagher motioned to approve the Title IX information with Bethany Johnson as the designee, Paige Gormon seconded the motion. The vote was a unanimous approval of the motion.



Head of School's Report

Year-to-Date Budget Review

Sue Duffy presented the February Financial Review Report. The report included the original board approved budget compared to the 8+4 Forecast (8 months of actuals plus 4 months of forecasts). Upon conclusion of the presentation no further questions were raised.

Form 990

John Kramer, presented the 990 and explained that the 990 in relation to the annual financial audit. John Kramer and his team has worked closely with Thomas & Thomas to compile this information.

New Calculation for Title Funding

Dr. Sides presented revised funding allocations for school year 16-17. The funding calculation for next year may be changing based on state certified information. Understanding that preliminary allocations released by the state were lower than what has been received in previous years, Jess asked if there is a way for families to become certified by the state to continue to support the need at the same level as has been done. Dr. Sides indicated that further investigation would be done per Mr. Askew's suggestions.

ACT Aspire Interim and Summative Assessment Readiness

Dr. Sides described his encouragement for ACT Aspire interim progress that has taken place with ADE leaders in assessment. Lauren Throneberry, District Testing Coordinator described the readiness that had been done to prepare for IOWA and ACT Aspire summative assessment. All assignments had been provided in order that all families had received communication pertaining to testing times and associated locations. Test administrators for IOWA and ACT Aspire summative were scheduled to receive training during the coming week. ARVA staff were scheduled to receive training at the next face-to-face professional development where hands-on training would be provided. Mrs. Throneberry further explained that final preparations had been made for the second round of Interims scheduled to take place after the spring break. Mrs. Throneberry further noted a 91.5% completion on first round of Interims.

Amendment Request Update and Discussion

Dr. Sides provided an update to the board pertaining to the pending charter amendment request. The hearing that took place with the Charter Authorizing Panel had included questions related to state reporting concerning enrollment. Dr. Sides described the teams' effort to correct data discrepancies. The Charter Panel wanted procedural outlines for updating and ensuring data is correct. Dr. Sides explained that specific procedural protocols were in development. Dr. Sides asked how the board would like to proceed. Board Chair, John Riggs added that the day Dr. Sides had become aware of the



discrepancy that he had visited Mr. Riggs to make him aware of the issue. The state had also made aware of the discrepancy, while there was not a way to amend the report. Jess Askew noted that our need to make this request is unchanged based on our need for bolstering our course catalog.

Mr. Riggs asked for additional discussion. Mr. Askew suggested that this be moved to the action agenda if a motion to allow Dr. Sides flexibility to accept a number up to 1,000 might be needed in the coming hearing. The board agreed that this flexibility was believed to be in the best interest of student opportunity at Arkansas Virtual Academy.

Jess Askew motioned to move this item to Action Agenda, Gary McHenry seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chad Gallagher motioned that Scott Sides be authorized to seek an enrollment increase of 1,000. Jess Askew amended the motion that Scott be authorized to accept an increase in enrollment up to 1,000. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Askew. The motion received unanimous approval.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.