



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
November 5, 2018

Present

Board Members

Dr. Gary McHenry
Paige Gorman
Ann Clemmer
Jess Askew

Staff

Amy Johnson
Bethany Johnson
Vanaja Duraiswamy
Karen Ghidotti
Ashley Holder
Kristin Allen
Amanda Felton
John Kramer

Guests

No guests present.

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:06 p.m. on November 5, 2018 at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Ann Clemmer motioned to approve all meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jess Askew and was approved unanimously as presented.

Board Chair's Report

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, formally welcomed Amy Johnson as ARVA's new Head of School.

Action Agenda Items

Testing Budget

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson presented the testing budget for technical services. Technical services for testing include on sight support as well as assessment of new sites to make sure they are compatible. Mrs. Johnson mentioned the testing budget is almost identical to what has been presented in prior years.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to approve the Testing Budget as presented. Ann Clemmer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Alexander & Company Employee Benefits

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson presented the current board covered benefits (aside from health and retirement) and proposed paid life and long-term disability insurance. Mrs. Johnson explained the total monthly cost for the board and added benefits for the employees.

ACTION ITEM: Jess Askew made the motion to approve board paid life and long-term disability insurance. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Head of School's Report

CTE Initiative Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson provided a quick update for Career Tech Education and Destinations Career Academy. Mrs. Johnson let the board know ARVA has received verbal approval to add agri-business and proceed with agri-natural resources pathway as well as a STEM pathway. With the expanded Agri pathways comes the very first virtual FFA

chapter. ARVA is also working on a concurrent credit program with SAU. This program will come at no cost to students since it will be funded through grant funding.

Student Persistence

Mrs. Amy Johnson reported we are right on track with 79.9% persistence rate for the year. The admin team is working hard to continue to improve our persistence rate. Karen Ghidotti commented that ARVA's Relate program has been a model for several other schools to improve persistence.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 4:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Bethany Johnson – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School