



ARKANSAS

VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
October 2, 2017

Present

Board Members

Ann Clemmer
Chad Gallagher
Gary McHenry
Jess Askew
Paige Gorman
Steve Davis

Staff

Amy Johnson
Bethany Johnson
Monique Yarnell
Scott Sides
Sharese Cross

Guests

Allison Cleveland
Karen Ghidotti
Andre Hopewell (via teleconference)
John Kramer (via teleconference)
Denise Wetzel (via teleconference)

Not Present

None

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 October 2, 2017 at The Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Chad Gallagher moved to approve, and the motion was seconded by Paige Gorman and was approved unanimously as presented.

Approval of Agenda

ACTION: The October 2, 2017 agenda was distributed.

Board Chair's Report

Dr. McHenry thanked the board members for their presence and revisited a new state law now requires board members to complete the required annual training to remain on the board.

Action Agenda Items

ACTION: Jess Askew motioned to add an agenda topic to request management present recommendations (at the next regularly scheduled board meeting) to increase retention of high achieving students, to increase student retention from year to year, and to ensure compliance with our charter goals. The motion was seconded by Ann Clemmer and was unanimously approved as presented.

ACTION: A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Steve Davis seconded by Jess Askew and was unanimously approved as presented.

ACSIP Assurances

Dr. Scott Sides explained to the board that ACSIP Assurances are ARVA's assurance to the state of Arkansas that the district is doing what is required to be in receipt of federal grant revenue. Dr. Sides opened the agenda item for any board questions. There were no questions asked by the board.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. McHenry entertained a motion to approve the item. Jess Askew moved for approval and Paige Gorman seconded to approve the item as presented. It was subsequently passed unanimously.

Act 1220 Required Review of Pay Increases

Dr. Sides explained that ACT 1220 is a state requirement whereby a school district must pull a report to show the board where employees have received a pay increase of 5% or greater. Bethany Johnson presented the agenda item line-by-line and compared the 2015-2016 school year to the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Sides opened the agenda item for any board questions. Jess Askew asked if this item was timely. Dr. Sides agreed that it was a review of old data but confirmed the need for review in accordance with the requirement.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. McHenry entertained a motion to approve the item as presented. Ann Clemmer moved for approval and Chad Gallagher seconded to approve the item as presented. It was subsequently passed unanimously.

Quote for Statewide ACT Aspire Testing

Dr. Sides introduced Denise Wetzel with K12. The current school testing quote was presented to the board by Denise Wetzel who provided a detailed review of the proposed testing support and associated expenses. Dr. Sides communicated to the board the importance of this provision and described past success related to the seamless support of the on-site K12 technical team. Open discussion pertaining to testing equipment, support provided, and associated travel expenses resulted in the action item being approved with amendments.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. McHenry asked if there was a motion. The motion was moved for approval by Steve Davis but failed due to lack of a second.

ACTION ITEM: Jess Askew motioned that the quote be approved with the following amendments- 1.) add the language "travel is included at no additional charge to the sites on this quote", 2.) "travel expenses if necessary" language be stricken, and 3.) "not to exceed \$252,985.00" language be added to the presented quote. This amended approval was seconded by Steve Davis. The motion passed with Chad Gallagher opposing approval.

Proposed Finance Committee

Dr. Sides explained that the purpose of a finance committee would be to streamline the budget review process via committee review to preserve time within the regular meeting agenda. John Kramer with K12 suggested, if approved, the finance committee would meet a total of 6 times a year. Discussion included the point that the size of the current board seemed appropriate for review within the regular meeting agenda as has been the case.

ACTION ITEM: Gary McHenry asked if there were a motion to create a finance committee for the ARVA Board. No motion was made.

Head of School's Report

Budget Review

Dr. Sides welcomed John Kramer to the budget review discussion. John Kramer presented the ARVA-FY18 2+10 actuals and forecasts to the board.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m. by Dr. McHenry after it was motioned by Steve Davis and seconded by Ann Clemmer and then approved unanimously.

Addendum – Action by Written Consent

On November 14, 2017, the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors unanimously approved the Annual Accreditation Report to the Public.

On December 11, 2017, the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors unanimously approved the waiver request for A.C.A. 6-17-812 in response to the Arkansas Department of Education.