

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Virtual Academy**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Directors**  
**October 21, 2014**

**Board Members Present**

John Riggs IV  
Jess Askew  
Dr. Angela Driskill  
Kevin Smith  
Dr. Gary McHenry  
Cary Hiatt

**Media Present**

none

**Staff Present**

Scott Sides  
Cheli Stafford  
Lisa Williams  
Alison Branch  
Gina Moore

**Guests Present**

none

**Call to Order**

Chair, Mr. John Riggs, called the Board meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Mr. Riggs then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

Minutes from August 12, 2014 board meeting were approved by the Board Chair.

**Board Chair's Report**

*Board Training Reminder*

- Board members were reminded of the six hour annual training requirement each must complete. The deadline is December 31, 2014.
- The Board was informed that any training in one year above the required six hours will be carried over to the next year.
- School administration will follow up with Arkansas School Boards Association and the amount of training awarded for Brian Carpenter session.

**Consent Agenda Items**

*Classified Employee Policies*

- New classified policies were submitted for Board review. This new policy manual was necessary as ARVA now employs classified personnel.

*FY 15 Budget vs. Actual through September*

- The Board was provided with the YTD budget vs actual report for review of the school's current financial position.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Jess Askew to approve both Consent Agenda items as presented. Dr. Angela Driskill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Action Agenda Items**

*Act 1120 – 5% Change in Salary*

- Head of School, Dr. Scott Sides, reviewed with the Board the 5% salary change report from Cognos per Act 1120.
- The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions about the list of qualifying changes reported.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Gary McHenry to accept the report as presented. Dr. Driskill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP) Review*

- Dr. Sides reported to the Board that the 14/15 allocation for Title I funding will only be spent toward the K-8 population of the school per ADE Federal Grants Management.
- Dr. Sides reviewed all ACSIP plans with the Board and discussed the potential to hire two new positions. The Board reviewed the positions and found them to be good staff additions for the school.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Askew to accept the ACSIP as presented. Mr. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Head of School's Report**

*Preliminary Accountability Status*

- Dr. Sides addressed the Board regarding accountability status. At this time appeals have been submitted regarding ARVA's status. The school awaits the finalization of data.

*A-F Calculation for Schools*

- There is a new labeling system the state will begin using to demonstrate to the public a school's accountability status. This could begin as early as December 2014.
- Dr. Sides shared with the Board how this is calculated.
- Each school will receive a 'grade'. There is concern about where ARVA will stand with this new labeling system.

### *School Growth Update*

- Dr. Sides reported to the Board the growth that ARVA has experienced since the beginning of the school year, including the number of general and special education teachers who have been hired to lead students.
- High School Academic Administrator, Mrs. Lisa Williams, gave a description of the new advisor role for high school students and how they are helping students and families.
- A report was given by Gina Moore, Title I and Parent Involvement Coordinator, on the Family Academic Support Team and the impact they are having on K-8 families through their interactions.

### *Charter Renewal*

- Charter renewal submission is expected on December 18, 2014.
- A Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> in advance of renewal submission.
- February 10, 2015 was selected as a potential day for the next quarterly Board meeting. This date could change depending on the meeting with the Charter Authorizing Panel.