

Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Regular Meeting Board of Directors
September 13, 2013

Board Members Present

John Riggs IV
Angela Driskill
Cary Hiatt
Gary McHenry
Jess Askew III

Media Present

none

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Cheli Stafford

Guests Present

none

Call to Order

Chair, Mr. John Riggs, called the board meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Riggs then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

Action Agenda Items

Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

- Head of School, Scott Sides, reviewed the budget for the Board's approval. He described the enrollment growth to be 150% over last year.
- Enrollment has reached 1,300 and has the potential to grow to 1,500 this school year.
- Board members discussed how this student growth affects the budget in various areas.
- Mr. Sides gave the Board a hiring update for general education as well as special education teachers to meet enrollment needs.

MOTION: by Mr. Jess Askew to approve the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Mr. Gary McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Audit Engagement

- Mr. Riggs discussed the Board's engagement of audit services through Thomas and Thomas LLP.
- This company has conducted ARVA's audit for many years and has gained valuable working knowledge of how the school operates, which is helpful in the audit process.

MOTION: by Dr. Angela Driskill to approve audit engagement for Thomas and Thomas LLP. Mr. Askew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Act 559

- Mr. Riggs described new legislation, Act 559 of 2013.
- This Act requires members of the Board to meet in person for all school board meetings where members are required to vote on agenda items.
- ARVA would benefit from a waiver of this Act.

MOTION: by Mr. Askew to take the course of action that would provide a waiver from Act 559. Dr. Driskill seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Head of School's Report:

Field Test

- Mr. Sides informed the Board that the school was selected to participate in a PARCC assessment field test during this school year.
- The school has already described commitments for testing to families. If families are required to participate, it would greatly increase the burden for them.
- The Board agreed it was best not to participate in a field test at this time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.