

Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
January 24, 2012

Board Members Present

Jerry Jones
John Riggs
Lepaine Sharp-McHenry
Kevin Smith
Angela Driskill

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Lisa Williams
Cheli Stafford

Media Present

None

Guests Present

Randy Milligan, Thomas &
Thomas CPAs
Nathan Poston, Thomas &
Thomas CPAs

Board Members Not Present

none

Call to Order

Chair, Mr. Jerry Jones, called the board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Mr. Jones then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

MOTION: by Dr. Angela Driskill to approve the December 13, 2011 board meeting minutes as written. Mr. John Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Audit Review

- Randy Milligan, Managing Partner with Thomas and Thomas CPAs, reviewed the audit report for members of the Board.
- Satisfied with this review, the Board had no questions following the report.

MOTION: by Dr. Driskill to approve the report as presented by auditors. Ms. Lepaine Sharp-McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair's Report:

Board Member Search

- Mr. Jones announced that Mr. Robbie Wills has resigned from the Board. He also stated that the Board should have a broader base and made a request for parent representation.
- The process was reviewed of how parents had been recruited to Board positions in the past.
- Mr. Riggs stated that he had been in contact with a community member and was close to determining the interest there.

Request for Proposal

- Mr. Riggs reported that the Board is waiting for the submission deadline to pass in order to begin a review of the candidates interested in partnering with ARVA.
- In addition to the legal notices placed in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Mr. Riggs contacted the Arkansas Department of Education and another online school to post the RFP on their websites, adding another layer of exposure to draw applicants from.
- As stated in the RFP, the submission deadline is February 15, 2012, and the review period will be February 16-21.
- Dr. Driskill and Mr. Riggs will form the review committee and will make a recommendation to the Board for a vote.
- Mr. Riggs stated that a Board meeting will need to be held around March 2, 2012 for the vote to proceed in accordance with the RFP timeline.

Head of School's Report:

Charter Renewal Application Review

- Mr. Scott Sides, Head of School, reviewed the Charter Renewal Application in detail for the Board.
- It was determined that the Board would like the transcript information from the June 2011 State Board of Education meeting added to the application, which would include written parent testimonials regarding their child's enrollment in ARVA.
- The Board also wished for waitlisted families' written testimonials and those testimonials recorded by video to be included as well.
- After a thorough discussion, Board members added their suggestions to the renewal application draft. Mr. Sides stated that the changes will be made and tracked for Board review. The updated document will be presented to the Board via email, prior to the Charter Office submission on February 6, 2012.

MOTION: by Dr. Driskill to approve the Charter Renewal Application with the changes as discussed. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ARRA Education Jobs Plan

- Mr. Sides asked the Board to approve a change in funding of a teacher's salary from General Revenue to ARRA Ed Jobs in order for the school to expend all of those allocated funds by September 30, 2012, which is the deadline. This fund can only be used for salary and benefits.

MOTION: by Ms. McHenry to accept this change as requested. Dr. Driskill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Ms. McHenry to adjourn at 5:40 PM. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.