

**Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
February 18, 2014**

Board Members Present

John Riggs IV
Angela Driskill
Jess Askew III
Chad Gallagher
Gary McHenry

Media Present

None

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Cheli Stafford
Lisa Williams

Guests Present

None

Call to Order

Chair, Mr. John Riggs, called the board meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Mr. Riggs then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

<p>MOTION: by Mr. Jess Askew to approve the January 22, 2014 board minutes as written. Dr. Gary McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>

Board Chair's Report

Charter Authorizing Panel Hearing

- Board Chair, Mr. John Riggs, shared with Board members the timeline as the school moves toward its goal of serving 9th and 10th grade students in the 2014/2015 school year.
- There will be a presentation made to the Charter Authorizing Panel in March.
- The State Board of Education (SBE) have the school's plan to grow to high school on its agenda in April and could ask the school to provide further information during the SBE's May meeting.

Action Agenda Items

High School Waivers and Grade Levels, 2014-2015

- Head of School, Dr. Scott Sides, presented the Board with more details regarding high school planning for ARVA.
- Board members were given an explanation of waivers the school would ask for at its upcoming hearing with the Charter Authorizing Panel.
- There was a Board discussion with regard to hearing and vision screenings. While the school does have a waiver from this rule, there is an understanding that ARVA may not be able to provide these services to every student.
- The school will explain to parents how we meet the requirement, what options are available to them through ARVA and how they can obtain screenings on their own.

- The school will add a disclosure statement to the hearing/vision screening policy describing how ARVA provides this service to families and how it can be met otherwise.

MOTION: by Mr. Jess Askew to approve adding grades 9 and 10 and accepting waivers to be requested of the ADE as presented. Dr. Gary McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Head of School's Report:

High School Planning Presentation

- Dr. Sides presented information to the Board regarding staffing for high school, expected student populations, course offerings, counseling services, teacher Class Connect sessions, projected schedules and homeroom teacher scenarios.
- Ms. Mitzi Bingaman, Lead Teacher for Middle School, discussed Career Tech Ed Pathways; Family Consumer Science, Accounting, and Marketing.
- Dr. Sides briefly shared with the Board a program of support for families that will also be help to teachers.

Uniform Grading Scale – Brief History

- Dr. Sides gave the Board a history of the Uniform Grading Scale (UGS) policy.
- A description was provided which informed members of how the student's mastery of progress transforms to a letter grade.
- The Uniform Grading Scale was established in cooperation with the Standards for Accreditation Unit while keeping the school's charter goals in mind.

Capitol Day

- Capitol Day will be held on February 25th.
- The school is expecting there to be 200+ attendees from ARVA.
- Senator Johnny Key will be recognized for his leadership in expanding virtual learning.

Board Meeting Dates

- The Board will meet on March 18th if necessary.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.