

Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
July 12, 2010

Board Members Present

Jerry Jones
Lepaine Sharp-McHenry
John Riggs
Susan Allerheiligen
Kevin Smith
Gary Ritter

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Lisa Williams
Cheli Stafford
Monique Houston

Media Present

None

Board Members Not Present

Angela Driskill

Others Present

Nickole Ellis, Thomas
&Thomas LLP

Call to Order

Roll Call

MOTION: by John Riggs and seconded by Susan Allerheiligen to approve the May 25, 2010, ARVA Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair's Report

Introduction of Nickole Ellis from Thomas and Thomas

Ms. Ellis presented and explained the audit engagement letter and the auditor's responsibilities.

MOTION: by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry and seconded by Kevin Smith to accept engagement letter from Thomas and Thomas. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Previous Board minutes had not reflected a clear provision of authority to sign checks as a representative of the school. Serving as Board Secretary/Treasurer, providing John Riggs with such authority led to the motion that he be designated check-signing authority.

MOTION: by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry and seconded by Kevin Smith to give John Riggs the authority to sign checks. Motion carried 5-0.

Lease Renewal

Mr. Sides indicated that management of current administrative office space has agreed to offer a two year lease with an option to terminate the lease after one year with a 90 day notice.

Discussion took place regarding the monthly cost of the office space and why the management company reduced ARVA's cost. It was believed that the reduction in cost was related to the cost/benefit for Westlake in making physical revisions to the office space for new tenants as compared to an acceptance from current tenants (ARVA) in "as is" condition.

The lease cost was reduced from \$3444.85 per month to \$3390.25.

MOTION: by John Riggs and seconded by Susan Allerheiligen accept lease renewal. Motion carried 5-0.

Suggested Changes to Student Handbook

Mr. Sides discussed changes to the 2010-2011 Student/Parent Handbook and the need for Board approval. Mr. Jones requested a summary of the suggested changes. Susan Allerheiligen indicated that she felt that technical revisions had been helpful in providing clarity. Discussion addressed curriculum, testing and ISP reimbursement changes noted in the Handbook. After discussion, Mr. Jones requested an update to the ISP reimbursement policy be made which would bring the ISP reimbursement language into alignment with the computer distribution policy.

MOTION: by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry and seconded by Susan Allerheiligen to approve the revisions in the 2010/2011 Student/Parent Handbook with changes as discussed to the student reimbursement for ISP checks. Motion carried 5-0.

Head of School/Director's Report

Mr. Sides stated that AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) had not yet been made available to schools. The state will release the reports in early August. The Board discussed test score gains grouped by cohort over the past 3 years, led by Mr. Sides. Some concerns were raised regarding the 10% of students testing below basic and what was being done for them. Dr. Ritter offered to help in the future with evaluation results formatting. Mr. Smith suggested the need to find success stories related to ARVA students.

Old Business

None

Budget Update

Jerry Jones advised that discussion be deferred to the following meeting when a comprehensive presentation would be made.

MOTION: John Riggs, second by Kevin Smith to adjourn meeting @ 5:48p.m. Motion carried 5-0.