

**Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2009**

Board Members Present

Jerry Jones, Chair
Lepaine Sharp-McHenry,
Vice-Chair
John Riggs, Sec/Treasurer
Susan Allerheiligen
Angela Driskill
Kevin Smith

Staff Present

Karen Ghidotti
Lisa Williams
Susan Underwood
Monique Houston

Media Present

None

Call to Order

Board Chair, Jerry Jones, called the board meeting to order at 4:50 p.m., then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

<p>MOTION: by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry and seconded by Angela Driskill to approve the August 8, 2009, ARVA Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
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Chair's Report

Jerry Jones asked the Board committee to discuss the progress of the search for potential candidates as new ARVA Board members.

Lepaine Sharp McHenry and John Riggs shared with the Board the names of possible candidates who they had approached about submitting their name and those whom they plan to contact. Ms. McHenry and Mr. Riggs requested additional time until the November Board meeting.

School/Director's Report

Up Dates

Karen Ghidotti, Head of School, shared with the Board the new partnership with the United States Census 2010. Susan Underwood wrote a partnership grant which allowed ARVA to receive promotional items with co-branding, ARVA school logo and the Census 2010 logo. The school received water bottles, t-shirts, flash drives and lanyards. We were able to distribute these items to families at our back-to-school events and will continue during future student outings and events. We were awarded an additional United States Census 2010 partnership grant through the Diamond Booster Club for backpacks, mouse pads and pencils.

Ms. Ghidotti proudly showed the Board the plaque that was presented to ARVA during the last K12 meeting. The plaque reads, "The K12 Golden Star Award presented to

Arkansas Virtual Academy for Attainment of Schoolwide AYP 2008-09". The virtual schools managed by K12 who made adequate yearly progress according to the No Child Left Behind were recognized at an event and awarded plaques. It is a very difficult task for most schools to achieve and ARVA is proud to be one of those schools.

Board members congratulated and shared encouraging comments.

Budget

Ms. Ghidotti guided the Board through the 2009-2010 Budget in the Board packet discussing projected revenue and expected expenditures.

The Board discussed the revenue funding sources, areas of potential savings, student enrollment and estimated expenditures. Ms. Ghidotti was asked to share at the next Board meeting the withdraw numbers and data tracking the reasons for withdraw from ARVA. After more discussion, the Board made a motion.

MOTION: by Kevin Smith and seconded by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry to accept the 2009-2010 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

ARVA Student Test Scores

Ms. Ghidotti shared with the Board the ARVA students' results of the Arkansas required state tests. The Board discussed the test scores and requested that ARVA students' test scores be compared to other Arkansas charter schools student test scores.

Lisa Williams, Academic Administrator, shared with the Board the SCANTRON assessments, student results and the benefits of data gathered from these assessments. The Board discussed the advantages ARVA students have with the exposure of terminology, math tutors discovering the areas in which individual students need additional assistance and how to focus on the needs of all ARVA students whether they score basic or advance.

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public or press. No response.

The Chair asked if there was any other business.

MOTION: by Lepaine Sharp-McHenry and seconded by Kevin Smith and Angela Driskill to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.