

Minutes
Arkansas Virtual Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
July 31, 2012

Board Members Present

Lepaine Sharp-McHenry
Angela Driskill
Kevin Smith
Cary Hiatt
John Riggs

Staff Present

Scott Sides
Lisa Williams
Cheli Stafford

Media Present

None

Guests Present

none

Board Members Not Present

Steve Bryles

Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Lepaine Sharp-McHenry, called the board meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Ms. McHenry then asked for a roll call and declared a quorum.

MOTION: by Dr. Angela Driskill to approve the June 13, 2012 board meeting minutes as written. Mr. John Riggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair's Report:

Board Officer Election

- Ms. McHenry officially removed herself as Board Chair for participation in officer nomination.
- After a report from Mr. Riggs regarding officer nominations and election, a motion followed.

MOTION: by Ms. McHenry to approve Board officers as follows: Mr. Riggs as Board Vice-Chair and Dr. Driskill as Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Cary Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Ms. McHenry reinstated herself as Board Chair, and acknowledged that Dr. Driskill should be added as a check signer along with herself. This decision was based on the school's dual signature policy, and Dr. Driskill's regular proximity to the administration office.

Scheduling Meetings of the Board

- It was decided that Board meetings would be held four times during the 2012/2013 school year in the months of September, December, February and June. Dates and times were reviewed and determined.
- Mr. Scott Sides, Head of School, will send the calendar invite to all parties.
- It was further agreed that, should the Board need to take action outside of those meeting times, it could do so by email if the decision was unanimous.

Board Member Training

- All current Board members are required to obtain six (6) hours of Board training each calendar year. These training hours can be obtained through activities hosted by the annual ASBA conference, through online resources or other approved training opportunities. The deadline to obtain annual training is December 31 each year.
- Newly elected Board members will be required to have nine (9) hours of initial training. This training will be completed by December 31, 2013.

Board Member Search

- Mr. Riggs reported to those in attendance that he believes the Board should have a parent-based majority, and the search should continue for another parent at this time.
- Others suggested that the search should be for three total members, bringing the Board to its maximum of nine members.
- Future Board members are described as those being connected in some way to policy making, and parents with a global perspective for the good of all students.
- Dr. Driskill and Mr. Riggs will co-chair the Board member search committee. Dr. Driskill will focus on parent Board members while Mr. Riggs will look at potential community Board members.

Action Agenda Items:

Service Agreement

- After working with ARVA's curriculum vendor over a period of time, Mr. Riggs presented the Board with the final contract or service agreement from K¹², Inc. The contract was written for 10 years with three (3) year outs. The hold harmless agreement remains.
- Although the contract was fairly similar to the previous, there were a few questions that Mr. Riggs would like finalized with ARVA's audit team.

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| <p>MOTION: by Mr. Riggs to accept the final service agreement from K¹², Inc. Dr. Driskill seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
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Fiscal Year 2013 Preliminary Budget

- Mr. Sides discussed revenue and expenditures as detailed in the working budget for the current fiscal year.
- There was some discussion about a few of the revenue lines, specifically those earmarked for Board activities.

Head of School's Report

ESEA Waiver and What Lies Ahead

- Mr. Sides explained that there is a two-year adjustment period until ESEA is reauthorized. ESEA subgroups EL, SPED and Economically Disadvantaged must have a minimum of 25 students to qualify as a category in the new measurement process.
- More information will be forthcoming to districts in August. These changes affect ACSIP and deadlines related to Title I budgeting.
- Mr. Sides stated that the Board will be updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Early ACTAAP Results

- Mr. Sides reviewed for the Board a group of slides depicting graphs which indicated early ACTAAP results of students overall and when taking highly mobile students into consideration. Highly mobile would be students entering the school after October 1st.
- While the results demonstrated improvement in many areas, there is still work to be done, particularly with open response.
- Academic Administrator, Ms. Lisa Williams, discussed several areas being addressed to determine where the breakdown could be occurring.

Livescribe Demonstration

- Ms. Williams relayed to the Board the events leading to the discovery and potential utilization of the Livescribe pen.
- The technology committee was tasked with finding a tool that would build better writers, meet corrective feedback goals, and work well within Class Connect sessions.
- After teachers used the pen and performed their own reviews, it was decided to pilot with 25 families to determine its usefulness on a larger scale.
- After the initial pilot time, it was determined that more training and a longer pilot session was needed to firm up results.
- Ms. Williams demonstrated the use of the pen and displayed recorded sessions by students and teachers in order for the Board to see how the tool would be utilized.

As the meeting came to a close, the Board was updated on activities involving the move of the administration office to North Little Rock. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.