


NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE  
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOL-MESA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that Noah Webster Schools-Mesa, an Arizona non-profit corporation, will hold a meeting open to the public on February 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting of the Board will be held Virtually. The Boardroom will be closed to the public. Information on how the public may attend is outlined below.

After commencement of the public meeting at 4:30 p.m., at any time during such meeting the Governing Board may call for an Executive Session(s) for, but not limited to, the following purpose(s):

(1) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

Dated this 10 day of February, 2021.

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary

A copy of the agenda for the public meeting is included with this notice. If you are interested in attending the virtual meeting, please contact Vicki Dry at [vdry@noahwebster.org](mailto:vdry@noahwebster.org) to obtain a meeting link.

February 10, 2021

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted in the office of Noah Webster Schools-Mesa and on the school's website on February 17, 2021 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Mesa with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 10 day of February, 2021.

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING  
OF  
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA  
February 17, 2021  
4:30 P.M.

Held Virtually

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting
3. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - Review the 12/31/20 Second Quarter Financial Statements, Budget to Actual Reports and Supporting Documentation
  - Review for Approval the Arizona Online Instruction Program Amendment Request (“AOI”) for FY 2020
  - Review and Discuss Information regarding ESSER II Funding for FY21.
4. Announcements and Adjournment

Announcements of the next meeting date

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021\_.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - MESA

Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
OF  
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

December 8, 2020

Held Virtually

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Teresa Wales, Ronrico Miller, BJ Pennington, John Tomasson, Sharon Miller

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Vicki Dry, Secretary, Jessica Friedermann, Robert Rodenbaugh, Jennifer Pennington, Tara Bittinger

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Noah Webster Schools-Mesa, an Arizona non-profit corporation (the "Corporation"), was held virtually at 4:30 P.M. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, the meeting was called to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Board meeting. Director R. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Wales seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Director Tomasson, Director Wales, Director Pennington, Director S. Miller and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

2. Review and Approve the FY20 Audited Financial Statements

The Board was presented with the 6/30/20 Audited Financial Statements, the Legal Compliance Questionnaire and the related audit correspondence to the Board. Discussion took place addressing the effect COVID had on the financial condition of the school at year end. It was explained that a detailed analysis was done on both a cash basis and accrual basis to allow for a better understanding of the overall impact. The income recognized from the PPP Loan Program was discussed and whether management felt there would be any of it that would not be forgiven. Ms. Dry indicated that the school should have no problem having the full loan forgiven since the allowable salary and rental expenses were well over the amount of the loan. She also told the Board that the school had cash in reserve should there be a portion not eligible for forgiveness.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to approve and accept the 6/30/20 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Director Tomasson, Director Wales, Director Pennington, Director S. Miller and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

3. Benchmark #1 Testing Results

Principal Friedermann presented the Board with the benchmark #1 results and explained that testing is still taking place in Kindergarten due to the fact that both on-line and in-person students need to have the test administered on a one-to one basis and therefore the testing takes longer. Principal Friedermann explained how student growth is measured and how # passing can decrease while %growth can increase. Scores were discussed noting that it seems apparent that on-line students are receiving help in some form during the testing. Student retention was discussed in regards to the low benchmark results and the Board wanted to make sure that the school was and will continue to inform parents that this school year, unlike last year, a student may be retained due to poor grades.

4. COVID-19 Status Update

The Board had been provided with a copy of the Maricopa County COVID-19 Dashboard: Updated 12/3/20 based on data from the week of 11/15/20. They discussed the increases in COVID numbers countywide and the possibility of all 3 benchmarks moving to red prior to winter break. Information regarding On-line plans for Mesa Public Schools, Gilbert Public Schools and Scottsdale Public Schools was presented. Ms. Dry explained to the Board that currently, the school has proven to be a very safe environment for students and staff but with rising numbers, some staff are getting worried. She continued by saying that if the school were to plan on going to all on-line for two weeks after the winter break it might help alleviate some fear and show that we are definitely concerned about the safety and well-being of staff and students. In addition, since we also have to offer an on-site "At-Risk" program, parents who have to find a place for their students to do their on-line work would have an option as well. While discussing on-line vs. on-site, preliminary parent survey results were reviewed determining how many parents would be opting to stay on-line for the second semester of the FY21 school year. Even with COVID numbers increasing, initial results were showing an increased % of parents were opting for in-school instruction for second semester.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to allow the COO to determine whether the school would return to full on-line learning after winter break once county and state dashboards were available and other indicators were reviewed. He also asked that she make sure parents are informed in a timely manner of any changes to instructional options that may be considered. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Director Tomasson, Director Wales, Director Pennington, Director S. Miller and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements and the next Board meeting date will be set at a later date.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary