

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

March 16, 2021

Held Virtually

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: V. Payne

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 February 17, 2021 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Board meeting. Director S. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

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

2. Review and Discuss Benchmark #2 Academic Data

Jessica Friedermann presented the Board with Galileo testing results for Kg through 6th grades. She noted that they were seeing much less parent participation with the distance learners and therefore initial baseline and #1 Benchmark scores were higher due to parents providing additional help and coaching. Areas such as Kg, 4th Grade and 5th Grade Math, along with 2nd grade ELA would benefit from targeted intervention. She informed the Board that the school was starting an afterschool tutoring program that would focus on students showing definite areas of poor performance in grade KG-5th. These students will be invited to attend the sessions from 3-5 pm daily. Focus areas will be determined by the classroom teacher, the Title I Director and the Principal.

Discussion took place regarding performance and areas in need of improvement.

3. Update on Arizona Online Instruction "AOI" Program Amendment Request

Principal Friedermann informed the Board that after discussions with Ashley Berg, Executive Director of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, it was recommended that we submit the amendment after the new guidelines for submittal has been approved by the Board in April. Ms. Friedermann indicated that we are continuing to work on the application as outlined in the previous version (which is far more detailed than what is expected to be approved) and will be ready to submit once the new application process has been approved.

4. School Updates

COO/CFO, Vicki Dry informed the Board that currently the school is working on amending Title I, Title II and ESSER I in order to apply available funding to projects such as the Afterschool Intervention Program. In addition to the amendments, we are in the process of getting quotes on the various items being considered for the ESSER II application. Ms. Dry indicated that this year we will be subject to a single audit and therefore want to ensure that all possible funding will be utilized.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements and the next Board meeting date was set for April 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2021



Vicki Dry, Secretary