

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

May 12, 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, Jennifer Pennington

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 March 16, 2021 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board meeting. Director R. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Tomasson 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. Update on Arizona Online Instruction "AOI" Program Amendment Request

Jessica Friedermann informed the Board that the "AOI" Program Amendment Request had been uploaded to the Charter Board. She explained the time line moving forward to the approval. She reported that the school's leadership team expects to see questions and comments and will respond in a timely fashion to the requests.

Discussion took place regarding approval and the plan itself.

3. Review and Adoption of the Revised FY21 Expenditure Budget

Ms. Dry provided the Board with a copy of the Revised FY21 Expenditure Budget. Ms. Dry explained some of the revisions as they related to recently approved Federal Grants and the time line for reimbursement requests to be satisfied. She also explained the use of Federal Grant dollars to purchase capitalized items versus expense items.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to approve and adopt the FY21 Expenditure Budget as presented and instruct Ms. Dry to upload the Revised Budget to the ADE as required by the State. 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.

4. Review of the 3/31/21 Quarterly Financial Statements, Budget to Actual Reports and Contributing Documentation

Ms. Dry had provided the Board earlier with the above referenced financial information for review prior to the Board meeting. Discussion took place regarding the decrease in Equalization funding due to enrollment and on-line students. The Board also discussed additional funding received and upcoming.

5. Review & Approve Civil Rights Complaint Procedures for Food Service

The Board reviewed the above referenced complaint procedures and indicated that these procedures should be added to the Civil Rights Complaint Procedures currently listed in our parent handbook.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the Civil Rights Complaint Procedures for Food Service and add them to the Civil Rights Complaint Procedures currently listed in our parent handbook. 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.

6. S & P Annual Review and Phone Call Update

The Board was provided with the completed S & P Questionnaire and the Phone call notes for the annual review. Director S. Miller explained that due to what they felt is a more globally positive Education Sector, S & P removed its' across the board negative outlook on charter school bonds. She further explained that with our review, the major negative focus areas are continued enrollment decreases, waiting lists and 5 year trends. If they back out the cash we have kept in reserve that came from the PPP loan, that would make our outlook even worse. During the call they seemed very interested in the fact that we have retained a large cash balance and we plan on using much of the new federal money for long term assets such as HVAC, Curriculum, Building Safety upgrades and learning area expansions. Director S. Miller indicated that we should be getting preliminary information early next week and will have 24 hours for comment before the rating is provided.

7. Review Changes to the 21-22 State Assessments

R. Rodenbaugh reviewed the changes that took place this year and are scheduled for next year's standardized testing. J. Friedermann indicated that Noah Webster Schools-Mesa

had a teacher on the committee for redesigning the math portion of the FY22 test. Additional information will be provided to the Board as it becomes available.

8. Grant & Additional Funding Updates

The Board was provided with a report on grant and additional funding that was received for FY21 and the expected amount for FY22. The Board discussed the information.

9. School Updates

Director Tomasson asked to be updated on what the school was doing with graduations, promotion ceremonies and year end events. J. Friedermann and R. Rodenbaugh informed the board that the schools have focused on bringing fun back to the end of the year for the kids as well as the parents. They, along with T. Bittinger reviewed the list of graduation activities and events for both in-person and on-line students.

10. Announcements

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

11. Adjournment

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

Dated this 12th day of May, 2021

Vicki Dry
Vicki Dry, Secretary