

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 August 24, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting of the Board will be held virtually.

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 20 day of August, 2021.


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 to obtain a meeting link.

August 20, 2021
9:00 am

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 August 20, 2021 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Mesa with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 20 day of August, 2021.


Vicki Dry, Secretary

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
OF
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA
August 24, 2021
4:30 P.M.

Held Virtually

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Board Meeting
3. Specific Matters to be Considered
 - Adoption of the FY22 Revised State Expenditure Budget
 - Review of Internally Generated 6/30/21 Financial Statements and Accompanying Information
 - Adoption of Return to School Policy
 - Review of Instructional Time Model
 - Update on Federal Grants
4. Announcements and Adjournment

Announcements of the next meeting date

Dated this 20 day of August, 2021.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - MESA

Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

OF

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

July 12, 2021

Held at 5399 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Vicki Dry, Secretary, Jessica Friedermann, Robert Rodenbaugh, 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 June 24, 2021 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board meeting. Director Pennington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Wales seconded the motion.

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

2. Review and Adoption of the FY22 Expenditure Budget

Ms. Dry provided the Board with a copy of the Proposed FY22 Expenditure Budget. Ms. Dry explained that updated budget forms will be available as of July 15 from the Auditor General's office. At that time she will update all budget information and provide it to the Board as a revision for review and adoption. Prior to that happening, the school must move forward with the adoption of a budget prior to July 15 according to State statute.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to adopt the FY22 Expenditure Budget as presented and instruct Ms. Dry to upload the Adopted Budget to the ADE as required by the State. Director Pennington seconded the motion.

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

3. End of Year Student Achievement Update & Review

Ms. Friedermann presented the board with a summary of NWSM's Galileo scores for the 20-21 school year. Although scores were above the State's average scores, they still declined from the 2019 internal benchmarks. Ms. Friedermann reviewed some of the more problematic issues incurred from March of 2019 through the end of the 2021 school year. She indicated that after continual review of the issues throughout the year, the management team has put together a focused and multifaceted Action Plan for FY22. She also reviewed the results of the AZM2 test that was taken by all 3-6 grade pupils. She explained to the Board that the AZM2 was a hybrid of Aimes and AzMerit and was taken for the first time in 2021. Next year the test will again be a completely different test.

The Board had several questions regarding teacher performance, student retention, learning gaps and on-line concerns.

4. Academic Plan of Action for FY22

Mr. Rodenbaugh, Ms. Friedermann and Ms. Bittinger presented the outline of the FY22 Action Plan and Initiatives. This includes an updated ELA Curriculum (McGraw-Hill) which includes both digital and paper resources, continuous quality professional development and will have close implementation oversight from the Principals and grade level curriculum coordinators.

There will also be changes in daily oversight responsibilities with most being performed directly by the Principals, data driven multi-tiered interventions (ELA & Math), continuous and evolving mitigation strategies and continuous observation and feedback aligned to the lesson plans.

The data driven multi-tiered interventions will consist of before and after school large group (Math/ELA), small group (Math/ELA) and individual ELA. They will also include interventions during the day such as grade level reteach, whole class reteach, and targeted small group interventions.

The Board discussed the results of the intervention programs piloted during the spring and summer of FY21 and what changes are being looked at for FY22. Director Miller discussed revisiting the student/teacher reward program that was in place in 2011 & 2012. It had a previous success and should be included this year as well.

5. Review of the Updated Re-Opening Plan

The Board was presented with the proposed Updated Re-Opening Plan for FY22 as well as the updated student/staff mask policy. It was explained that the plan will be posted on the school's web site and parents will be notified by e-mail that it is available for review on-line and will be provided with information on how they can provide feedback.

6. Current Enrollment

Updated enrollment numbers were presented to the Board. It was explained that until we know if our AOI Plan has been approved, we can't offer on-line instruction but can only say we are in process.

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

Ms. Friedermann informed the Board that the AOI application revisions were submitted. The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools has notified NWSM that its application has received Administrative approval and will now need to go through programmatic review. We are hoping for additional information within the next week or two.

8. Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting date is set for 4:30 p.m. on August 24 and is to be held at the Scottsdale Campus.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2021

Vicki Dry

Vicki Dry, Secretary