

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOL-PIMA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that Noah Webster Schools-Pima, an Arizona non-profit corporation, will hold a meeting open to the public on February 9, 2022 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 7th day of February, 2022.



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.

February 7, 2022
1:00 p.m.

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-Pima and on the school's website on February 7, 2022 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Pima with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 7 day of February 2022.



Vicki Dry, Secretary

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING
OF
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA
February 9, 2022
4:30 P.M.

Held Virtually

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the November 29, 2022 Board Meeting
3. Specific Matters to be Considered
 - Internally Generated 12/31/21 Financial Statements, Budget to Actual Reports and Accompanying Financial Information
 - Suspension or Expulsion of K-4 Students Policy as per HB2123
 - AOI Application Update
 - Enrollment/Attendance Discussion
4. Announcements and Adjournment

Dated this 7 day of February, 2022.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - PIMA

Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

OF

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA

November 29, 2021

Held Virtually

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ronrico Miller

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 October 26, 2021 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Board meeting. Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Pennington seconded the motion.

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

2. Specific Matters to be Considered

- Internally Generated 9/30/21 Financial Statements, Budget to Actual Reports and Accompanying Financial Information

Ms Dry, CFO/COO explained to the Board that the 9/30/21 Internally Generated Financial Statements were provided to the Trustee in Draft format due to changes that needed to be made in the audited 6/30/21 Financial Statements. The Trustee was notified that once we received final audited numbers for FY21 we would re-issue the 9/30/21 statements. Since the final draft of the FY21 audit was received this morning, changes to the beginning balance for the 9/30/21 were not able to be made in time for this Board meeting.

The Directors instructed Ms. Dry to include the review of the updated 9-30-21 statements on the next public meeting agenda.

- Update of 6/30/21 Annual Financial Audited Statements

Ms. Dry presented the Board with the final draft of the FY21 Audited Financial Statements and accompanying supplements. She explained that the auditors indicated that there would be no additional changes to the financial statements except for the footnote discussing PPP Loan forgiveness. Director Miller had requested that the footnote indicate clearly that the PPP Loans had received 100% forgiveness and the auditors agreed to the change. Ms. Dry told the Board that although the audited Financial Statements would be issued 11/30/21, the Single Audit Report would not accompany the statements due to the Auditors waiting for further Federal guidance involving the CARES Act related funding. She further indicated that the auditors will be providing us with a memo regarding the issue that can be provided to the Trustee and Bank. Director S. Miller proceeded to review the statements and the attached supplemental information on the combined statements. She pointed out the 5 year comparisons and that much of the increase was due to PPP loans and CARES Act funding but if you were to look at only equalization funding you would see a downward trend due to enrollment decreasing.

After further discussion, Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the draft audit for issuance once the PPP Loan footnote is changed to reflect the 100% forgiveness and given there are no further changes. The motion was seconded by Director Pennington.

The Secretary called roll for a vote to pass the motion and approve the audited financial statements. Director Tomasson voted to approve, Director Pennington voted to approve, Director Wales voted to approve and Director S. Miller voted to approve. All voted to approve.

- AOI Application and Instructional Time Model Update

Ms. Friedermann reported that the school's Instructional Time Model, has been approved. We are waiting on an update from Tyler Sys which will allow for credits to be given to students out on COVID protocols. Once that has been updated, we will be able to utilize the Instructional Time Model if necessary. This gives us the flexibility to provide on-line instruction for periods of time without an AOI.

Ms. Friedermann also told the Board that the school's AOI application was approved, but that the information we received after the approval was much different than what our Charter Representative had indicated earlier. Initially, the AOI was portrayed as just an amendment to the existing Charter. We have now found out that a separated CTDS and Entity number will be issued for the AOI and reporting and funding will be separate as well. Ms. Friedermann indicated that when we first applied for the AOI, circumstances were much different. With the length of time it took to get an approval, the numerous families once interested in on-line instruction are no longer interested and those that wanted it, which are few, have moved to other on-line schools. There are only a few families, currently with us, attending in-person instruction, who initially wanted on-line instruction. Our on-line program was approved with the curriculum being provided by Edgenuity. Edgenuity has a 40

student minimum. This can be a combination of both campuses but we will be paying for 40 licenses no matter the number of actual students. Currently we do not come close to that number of students. The Charter Board needs a decision from us as to when we will be starting the AOI. We thought that if we look at the 22-23 school year it would give us time to assess true need.

Director Miller suggested calling parents who have left for on-line to see if they would be interested in returning to Noah Webster. She also suggested that we market the program and offer on-site events to all on-line students. Director Tomasson suggest a survey as well but to wait until early spring. He does not want to move forward if the costs will outweigh the benefit. Director Tomasson asked if we will have the ability to cancel the AOI or will we be subject to something similar to a licensing agreement with the State that is in effect for a certain period of time. Ms. Friedermann will contact the Charter board to clarify. The school will hold on the AOI and start gathering information for a needs assessment with a survey to take place in the early Spring.

- Enrollment Discussion

Mr. Rodenbaugh addressed the Board regarding the declining enrollment at both campuses. Although COVID-19 definitely had its effect on enrollment, there have been other contributing factors as well. Mesa is experiencing a change in demographics. Many surrounding neighborhoods have aged or young families have moved further east or south. Although for years we have provided bussing to outlying areas, this no long suffices as new charters have been built in these areas to service the local neighborhoods. Mesa has been working on consolidating bus routes and focusing on the apartment complexes where we already have students and new complexes that are being built.

Pima's biggest contributing factor in enrollment decrease has been the closure of the on-site McKesson plant. McKesson does not have any plans for brining workers back and have leased out a portion of the complex to another company. We are currently keeping abreast of when the new group is considering moving in so a marketing push aimed at those employees can take place.

Director Miller advised reaching out to Scottsdale families. Mr. Rodenbaugh indicated that we have been working with that as well. He also indicated that both schools have been looking at how parent preferences have changed from prior years and how best to adapt to their needs.

We have had some success with our FaceBook advertising, and the on-line SCOLA marketing push, but have seen that many younger parents are switching from FaceBook to Instant Messenger (IM), which we are moving to incorporate that into our on-line marketing plan.

Director Miller suggested we invite our families to bring other families and friends to our evening events to increase interest. Both Mr. Rodenbaugh and Ms. Friedermann said that would be very easy to do once we were back to having on-site open events.

3. Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting date is set for 4:30 pm on January 25, 2022.

Adjournment

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

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021

Vicki Dry, Secretary