# 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 April 26, 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 22 day of April, 2022.

Vicki Dry, Secretary

A copy of the agenda for the public meeting as well as the unapproved minutes of the previous meeting are included with this notice.

If you are interested in attending the virtual meeting, please contact Vicki Dry at <a href="wdry@noahwebster.org">vdry@noahwebster.org</a> to obtain a meeting link. In addition, the unapproved draft minutes of this meeting will be available for review within 3 days after the noticed meeting

April 22, 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 April 22, 2022 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Pima with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this <u>AZ</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2022\_.

Vicki Dry, Secretary

# AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING OF NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA April 26, 2022 4:30 P.M.

## Held Virtually

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2022 Board Meeting
- 3. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - Updates on ADE's Single Audit Review
  - FY22 A-F Letter Grade Accountability Business Rules
  - Public Records Request Update
  - Title II FY23 Retention Stipend Policy
  - AOI 2022-2023 Discussion
- 4. Announcements and Adjournment

Dated this 22 day of april, 2022.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - MESA

Chairperson

#### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

**OF** 

#### NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA

March 16, 2022

### Held Virtually

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

**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.

## Approval of the Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Board meeting. Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director S. Miller seconded the motion.

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

### 2. Specific Matters to be Considered

#### Review of the FY21 Single Audit Report

The Board had been previously provided with the following:

- Noah Webster Schools-Mesa and Noah Webster Schools-Pima Report to the Board of Directors-June 30, 2021
- Noah Webster Schools-Mesa and Noah Webster Schools-Pima Combined Financial Statements, Supplementary Information, Independent Auditor's Reports, and Single Audit Reports-Year Ended June 30, 2021
- Noah Webster Schools-Mesa and Noah Webster Schools-Pima Legal Compliance Questionnaire-Year Ended June 30, 2021

After reviewing the documents, Ms. Dry, CFO, explained to the Board that there had been no changes to the financial information of the FY21 audit, previously approved by the Board and that only the Single Audit Report had been delayed due to Federal

changes to related auditing standards. Ms. Dry and Director S. Miller explained the purpose of the Single Audit and the reason the school was required to be audited under the Single Audit guidelines. The Board was also informed that the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools as well as the school's trustee, Zions Bank had been provided with a copy of the Single Audit Report.

#### Preliminary Budget Plan

At the last Board meeting the Board discussed the financial issues associated with a decreased enrollment. The Board asked that Ms. Dry and Director S. Miller provide the Board with a financial plan to drastically reduce expenses for the remainder of FY22 and for FY23 that would help to re-build cash reserves.

Ms. Dry presented the Board with the preliminary plan that focuses on certain cost centers that have been identified as areas of potential savings for both the current year and FY23. She explained that due to the variables involved, many of the budget calculations will have to wait until we have a better idea of enrollment, State Funding, Formula Grant Allocations, and updated vendor pricing. Ms. Dry indicated that she is currently negotiating changes in some of the school's service contracts and working with vendors & church to boost donations. The Board was told that while looking at areas to save, we have to be cognizant of instructional programs funded with grant dollars. Those programs have to run according to grant guidelines in terms of personnel and program initiatives. The Board was assured that every effort would be made to monitor staffing to include only those necessary for the specific grant programs and programs that, for safety purposed, require full or part time staff. The Board will get an update at its next meeting.

# Review and Adoption of a Fingerprint Clearance Card Policy for Contractors, Subcontractors or Vendors

Principal Friedermann told the Board that although the policy being discussed has been a part of the school's operational practice, we need to formally adopt it in a form acceptable to the Board.

The proposed policy is as follows:

A person, including a contractor, subcontractor or vendor or any employee of the entities, is exempt from the requirements of A.R.S. 15-512 if their normal job duties are not likely to result in independent access to our unsupervised contact with pupils. Noah Webster School's COO and Site Principal shall have the authority to make an exemption determination based on an analysis of the person's job duties.

Discussion took place referencing various scenarios and possible determinations for each.

Director Pennington made a motion to adopt the policy as presented. Director Tomasson seconded the motion.

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

## Student Benchmark Reporting

Principal Rodenbaugh reviewed with the Board the 4 classes that did not maintain growth this last period He discussed the issues with each of these classes and what steps are being taken to improve outcomes. He discussed some of the challenges with Kindergarten and the efforts and plans in place. He indicated to the Board that the overall progress of the school is very exciting and he is optimistic about continued student growth.

He explained that the focus has been on individual teacher meetings and individual student outcomes. At the teacher meetings, individual goals are set for both teacher and students. At each benchmark, current goals are assessed and new goals put in place. If necessary, teachers are put on Action Plans that serve as a more focused oversite from the Principal and Assistant Principal.

Director Tomasson asked if the goal was to reach maintaining growth and Ms. Friedermann said absolutely not. It is the school's goal to continue to push and improve on growth and proficiency. Director Tomasson indicated that it is important to continue to push.

Ms. Dry informed the Board that we would be providing Summer School in June and that it was being funded by Title I and ESSER III Grants for both Special Education Students and Regular Ed.

#### 3. Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting date is set for 4:30 pm on April 26, 2022.

#### Adjournment

i here being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.			
Dated this	day of	, 2022	
Vicki Dry, Secretary			