

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 15, 2023 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 14 day of August, 2023.

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary

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

If you are interested in attending the virtual meeting, please contact Vicki Dry at [vdry@noahwebster.org](mailto:vdry@noahwebster.org) to obtain a meeting link. In addition, the minutes of this meeting will be available for review within 3 days after the noticed meeting.

August 14, 2023  
10:00 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 14, 2023 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Mesa with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 14 day of August, 2023.

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING  
OF  
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA  
August 15, 2023  
4:30 P.M.  
To be Held Virtually

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Board Meeting
3. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - a. Review the Internally Generated 6/30/23 Financial Statements and Related Documentation
  - b. FY24 Budget Updates
  - c. FY24 Enrollment to Date
  - d. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates
4. Announcements and Adjournment

Dated this 14 day of August, 2023.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS – MESA

Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

OF

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

July 12, 2023

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: BJ Pennington

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

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 June 28, 2023 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 28, 2023 Board meeting. Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Wales seconded the motion.

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

- Specific Matters to be Considered

- Adopt the FY24 Arizona State Expenditure Budget for Noah Webster Schools-Mesa

Ms. Dry explained to the Board the number being used for enrollment would be adjusted according to enrollment changes over the next several weeks. She also reviewed the State’s weighted student count formula. The Board discussed some of the budget changes for FY24.

Director R. Miller made a motion to adopt the FY24 Budget as presented.

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

- Review FY23 Student Data including State Assessment Results

Jessica Friedermann, Principal of the Mesa Campus and Robert Rodenbaugh, Principal of the Pima campus, provided the Board with handouts including an

overview of the 2022-2023 school year focusing on student achievement in reading & math, AASA testing results and Galileo math and reading results. They reviewed, in detail, the highs & lows of the academic year and provided comparisons to previous years as well as comparisons to the State AASA testing results.

The Board asked for more detailed explanations of those classes that were either not proficient or showed little growth. They discussed expectations and how those expectations were being verbalized to teachers and staff. They also discussed attendance and Special Education and how both are affecting academic outcomes. Director S. Miller asked that Ms. Friedermann send her a copy of the school's attendance policy along with State statutes referencing attendance.

- School Updates

Principal Friedermann reviewed several updates with the Board including changes in the State mandated discipline policies for K-4 and what that means to the school.

- FY24 Enrollment to Date

The Board was given the most recent enrollment figures along with a listing of enrollment events happening between now and the beginning of school. They were told that historically, Mesa sees an additional 35-40 new students enroll during this time period and Pima has seen closer to 60 during the same period. Both schools are putting forth every effort to keep enrollment at last year's levels or more.

- Marketing Updates

Principal Friedermann explained that the school has implemented new measures to better track each marketing initiative's purpose, individuals involved, results and individual student data per marketing initiative. Some of the schools initiatives and marketing focus were discussed such as:

- Marketing our on-site events and family friendly school push
- Spanish immersion focus
- Local apartment complexes & offering 1<sup>st</sup> month free aftercare
- Local business & our 7am-6pm availability for before & after care

- FY24 Staffing Update

Principal Friedermann explained that this year Mesa saw very little teacher turnover but we did lose some instructional aides. Most changes were due to moves out of the area. There are currently positions that need to be filled, but she reported that we were waiting on enrollment numbers to avoid over hiring.

- Standard & Poor's Rating Report for Noah Webster Schools

Director S. Miller reviewed the latest Standard & Poor's Rating Report for Noah Webster Schools. She focused on the comments made during the rating call referencing enrollment specifically. She said the addition of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade as well as the additional marketing initiatives helped with the call but that ultimately they need to see increased enrollment. She told the board that although our rating remained a BB, our outlook was revised to Negative. The Board was provided with a copy of the actual report.

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates

Principal Friedermann & Principal Rodenbaugh reviewed the progress to date with preparing for the addition of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The team has been working on curriculum choices (meeting with curriculum representatives and reviewing samples) and advertising through social media and with on-site banners and flyers. Moving forward, updates on progress will be given at each Board meeting.

- Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 15 at 4:30. The meeting location will be announced at a later date.

- Adjournment

There being no further business, Director Tomasson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm passed unanimously with Director Tomasson, Director S. Miller, Director Wales and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023



Vicki Dry, Secretary