# 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 November 14, 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 9 day of Nove m Ale, 2023.

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 to obtain a meeting link. In addition, the minutes of this meeting will be available for review within 3 days after the noticed meeting.

November 9, 2023 3:00 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 November 14, 2023 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Pima with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 9 day of November, 2023.

Vicki Dry, Secretary

# AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING OF NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA November 14, 2023 4:30 P.M. To be Held Virtually

- 1. Call to Order
- Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting
- 3. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - Review of the 9/30/23 Internally Generated Financial Statements and Related Documents
  - 2022-2023 A-F Letter Grade Overview
  - SPED Program Updates
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Update
  - School Update
- 4. Announcements and Adjournment

Dated this \_ 9 day of November, 2023\_.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS – MESA

Chairperson

#### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

**OF** 

#### NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA

October 10, 2023

#### Held Virtually

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT: Sharon Miller** 

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Vicki Dry, Secretary, Jessica Friedermann; Robert Rodenbaugh,

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Noah Webster Schools-Pima, 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 August 15, 2023 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board meeting. Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

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

#### Specific Matters to be Considered

#### Annual Board Member & Officers Election

Director Pennington made a motion to re-elect John Tomasson, BJ Pennington, Teresa Wales, Ronrico Miller and Sharon Miller to another one year term on the Board. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

Director Tomasson, Director Pennington, and Director Wales voted to approve the reelection of Director R. Miller.

Director R. Miller, Director Pennington, and Director Wales voted to approve the reelection of Director Tomasson.

Director Tomasson, Director R. Miller, and Director Wales voted to approve the reelection of Director Pennington.

Director Tomasson, Director Pennington, Director Wales and Director R. Miller voted to approve the re-election of Director S. Miller.

Director Tomasson, Director Pennington, and Director R. Miller voted to approve the re-election of Director Wales

Director Pennington than made a motion to re-elect John Tomasson as President of the Board and Vicki Dry as Secretary of the Board for another 1 year term. Director R. Miller seconded the motion.

Directors R. Miller, Director Wales and Director Pennington all voted in favor of the motion with Director Tomasson abstaining from the vote.

## Review and Approve the FY23 AFR, AFR Food Service Report, CPSUM FY23, and the School Level Reporting

Vicki Dry provided the Board with the FY23 AFR, AFR Food Service Report, CPSUM Report and the School Level Reporting for Noah Webster Schools-Mesa. Ms. Dry explained that the numbers used in these reports are those numbers currently being audited. She also informed the Board that if the auditors should advise an adjustment to the financial statements, an amended AFR would have to be submitted. The Board reviewed the various reports and the information presented. They discussed what was needed moving forward as far as increasing enrollment, continuing to decrease expenditures wherever and as much as possible and continue with family involvement push.

After additional review, Director Tomasson made a motion to approve the FY23 AFR and related reports as presented. Director Wales seconded the motion.

Director Tomasson, Director Wales, Director Pennington and Director R. Miller voted in favor of the motion.

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

Principal Friedermann reported that to date the school has a pre-enrollment of 24 students for FY25 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. She indicated that the school is continuing to promote the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to its families and current students. Ms. Dry told the Board that the school has been increasing its efforts to include the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the various school events through the Lighthouse Team (Student Council) and that they just had a Volunteer Recognition and Information night where the student Lighthouse Team received t-shirts and participation certificates. Ms. Friedermann informed the Board that they would have the necessary curriculum pricing available shortly for review and approval.

Director Tomasson asked what number of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students would be a break even number and at what would be the latest date to make a decision not to move forward. Ms. Dry explained that 15 students would be a break-even number and Ms. Friedermann indicated that she would have to look at the Charter Board requirements for notification deadlines and would report at the next Board meeting.

#### School Updates

Ms. Dry informed the Board that the school continues to add family friendly events to the agenda. In addition to Showcase Nights, the schools have Boo Fest planned for Oct. 24 & 25 for families and friends to participate in a night of trick or treat, games, costumes and pumpkin decorating.

Director Tomasson asked if the school was making sure that they would be culturally sensitive to the different populations it currently serves. Principal Friedermann explained that students and families were told that we did not allow masks, guns or any type of gore or excess fright. We are also age sensitive with activities being provided.

Principal Rodenbaugh (Pima) told the Board about the regular recognition events both schools are having. These special assemblies are being put on for the students to recognize good attendance and other notable things that will come up during the year. The schools have been able to get special groups to come in free of charge to put on these assemblies for students who have worked hard to meet the criteria.

As part of the school's updates Principal Rodenbaugh informed the Board that we are still looking at 4 pre-k students. One of these students is high needs and was going to transfer to a district school but is staying due to the small class size and how it seems to be working well for the child. Mr. Rodenbaugh wanted guidance as to what the Board would want to do if by chance we would lose a student and go to 3. The Board discussed balancing keeping the PK students along with their siblings, and dropping the program with the issues that come along with that. Director R. Miller asked if we thought we could generate additional PK enrollment if we promoted our low costs to our families. Mr. Rodenbaugh indicated that we had been doing that but the local Scottsdale and Community Title I schools are providing it free of charge. Ms. Dry told the Board she would compile numbers for next Board meeting to see what the ramifications would be if we were to offer free before & after care again.

Mr. Rodenbaugh informed the Board that Pima was going to be sponsoring an SRP Day where Salt River would show up with various student services providers to help educate our parents and students about what the Community has to offer their members. Mr. Rodenbaugh is hoping that the Community President will attend as well since his grandchild attends the school. Director Tomasson asked if Mr. Rodenbaugh would provide him with date and time of the event so that he could also attend.

#### Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting was set for November 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

#### Adjournment

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm passed unanimously with Director Pennington, Director Tomasson, Director Wales and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

Dated this		, 2023
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Vicki Dry, Secretary