

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-PIMA

January 23, 2024

Held Virtually

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: John Tomasson

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

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 November 14, 2023 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board meeting. Director Pennington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Miller seconded the motion.

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

- Specific Matters to be Considered

- Review and Certification of the FY23 Combined Financial Statements with Single Audit

The Board was provided with the Audited Financial Statements, the Auditors Report to the Board and the Legal Compliance Questionnaire prior to the Board meeting.

Director S. Miller reviewed and explained the Combined Audit and more specifically the trend information included in the audited financials. The Board further discussed the audit results and the additional reports.

Director Pennington made a motion to approve and certify the FY23 Audited Financial Statements with Single Audit. Director R. Miller seconded the motion. The following Directors Voted, by roll call, to approve and certify the FY23 Audited Financial Statements.

Director Pennington – In favor
Director R. Miller – In favor
Director T. Wales – In favor
Director S. Miller - In favor
Director J. Tomasson- Absent

The motion passed unanimously.

- Review Arizona State Board for Charter Schools Compliance Statement of Assurances and Additions to the Parent Handbook

Principal Friedermann reviewed the Statement of Assurances and explained the increase in the number of assurances required by the Charter Board for FY25. She further went on to explain that the additions to the school's Parent Handbook are not new policies, but policies that have been in place but were not actually written in the handbook. These additions to the handbook will ensure that the handbook mirrors what the school is actually practicing.

- Enrollment Campaign Update

Christine Haas reviewed the recent marketing campaign with the Board highlighting the major focus areas of the campaign, the results of the campaign to date, early re-enrollment processing and some of the upcoming initiatives.

- SPED & EL Program Updates

Principal Rodenbaugh reviewed SPED & EL program sub-group data along with changes implemented this year for not only Special Education but for EL students as well. He reviewed a breakdown of the number of students with IEPs and speech only.

- Updates on Current & Upcoming Audits & Reviews

Ms. Dry presented the Board with a list of Audits and reviews currently in process. These included the FY23 Workers' Compensation Audit, 401K 5500 review and the AZ Auditor General School Safety & Emergency Response Practices Audit, Arizona State Board for Charter Schools-10 year Review and DES CCSG Grant Audit..

- 7th & 8th Grade Updates

Principal Friedermann reported that to date the school has a pre-enrollment of 26 students for FY25 and 6 students on the interest list for 7th Grade at Mesa and 15 pre-enrolled students with 3 students on the interest list for 7th Grade at Pima. She reported that the schools are continuing to promote the 7th grade to its families and

current students. She indicated that the committee has narrowed down several areas of focus such as curriculum, schedules, electives, and physical moves. She indicated that the expansion committee would have a formal printed proposal to the Board prior to the next Board meeting. This will give the Board a chance to review, discuss, amend and approve a plan moving forward.

- School Updates

Principal Friedermann explained to the Board that with the success the school had with the attendance incentive, the team decided to do a similar incentive plan addressing Galileo and the upcoming benchmarking. She indicated that the Benchmark in February would be presented to the Board at the February Board meeting.

Another big event coming in February is the APEX fundraiser and the associated events. She reviewed some of the plans currently in place.

- Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting was set for February 20, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

- Adjournment

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm passed unanimously with Director Pennington, Director R. Miller, Director Wales and Director S. Miller voting to approve.

Dated this 24 day of JANUARY, 2024



Vicki Dry, Secretary