

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 October 14, 2024, 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 12 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

  
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.

October 12, 2024  
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-Mesa and on the school's website on October 12, 2024 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Mesa with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this 12 day of OCTOBER, 2024\_.

  
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Vicki Dry, Secretary

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING  
OF  
NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA  
October 14, 2024  
4:30 P.M.  
To be Held Virtually

1. Call to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the August 28 2024 Board Meeting
3. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - Review and Approval of the FY24 Annual Financial Report
4. Announcements and Adjournment

Dated this 12 day of October, 2024.

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS – MESA

Chairperson

# MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

OF

## NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA

August 28, 2024

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: BJ Pennington, Teresa Wales

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-Mesa, an Arizona non-profit corporation (the "Corporation"), was held at 5399 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 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 July 9, 2024 Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 9, 2024 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 S. Miller, and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

- Specific Matters to be Considered

- Review Internally Generated 6/30/24 Financial Statements Budgets to Actuals and Related Information

Director S. Miller discussed covenant compliance for the QZAB Bond, the 2015 Tax Exempt Bond and the 2014 Tax Exempt Bond (which NWSM guarantees). After review of the draft statements, it is showing that Noah Webster Schools-Mesa is compliant with all covenants except for cash on hand. The Board discussed plans for the implementation of monthly financial and budget to actual statements, the rebuilding of cash reserves, continued efforts to lower expenditures and continued efforts to grow enrollment. Enrollment increased from FY24 by 8%. The Board asked for ongoing updates and will continue to address the issues currently facing the school. They will be closely monitoring enrollment and current budget to ensure that the cash on hand will increase to compliant levels.

- Consider and Accept Board Member Resignation

The Board received a letter of resignation for Board member BJ (William) Pennington. Due to personal circumstances Mr. Pennington is unable to continue to perform his duties for the Board.

The Board acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the letter of resignation. The Board asked Vicki Dry and Jessica Friedermann, Charter Representatives, complete and submit all necessary paperwork to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

- Review Board Candidate Information

The review was tabled due to information from the candidate being delayed. It will be added to a future agenda.

- Principal Performance Update

Vicki Dry explained to the Board that with the first two weeks of school being utilized for getting students acclimated to schedules, policies procedures and basic socialization skills, the Principals' teacher observations consisted of mainly monitoring classroom behavior and control. In addition, since the schools had to switch to a new student management system, there were computer glitches that needed to be addressed for curriculum log on purposes.

Ms. Dry asked the Principals to share their observation workbooks on the interactive boards with the Board, as printing would be very difficult. The workbooks showed scheduled observations, completed observations, notes as to what was observed and follow up as well as lesson plan information.

Director Miller began a discussion on Standardized testing teaching schedules and keeping teachers on task with that and the general blue print generated by the ADE. She also discussed Galileo and the extreme variances it shows when comparing standardized testing outcomes and Galileo scores. Jessica Friedermann indicated that although there are other internal testing products out there, Galileo works best to show growth. Many schools using alternative products have internally customized them to better suit their needs. With the schools on an extremely tight budget and qualified personnel already stretched, it would be difficult to switch internal testing software at this time.

Director S. Miller asked the Principals if the teachers have been provided with the school's performance compared to the State and/or our competitors. Principal Friedermann explained that the teachers are provided with the school's performance data compared to the State but have not received the comparison data for our competitors. The Principals can provide the additional information when reviewing State data.

- Review the First Two Weeks of School

Principal Friedermann was pleased to report that 7<sup>th</sup> Grade was off to a great start. The schedule seems to be working and the decrease in the number of teachers is working well at this time. She indicated that there are a couple of behavioral issues in Kindergarten that are being addressed, but will need to be watched closely. In an effort to keep costs down, classes are all very full.

- Enrollment

Updated enrollment was provided to the Board. Following the first 10 day drops that usually occur, the school is showing an 8%+ increase in enrollment to date. They are still getting walk-ins and are working to get students enrolled as quickly as possible.

- Marketing Updates

Christine Haas reviewed recent marketing activities. These included:

- Increasing the membership of the Event Committee to help with ideas and outreach.
- Front office making calls to interest list to inform them of our Free campaign
- Principals went out to local businesses and apartment complexes with brochures packages
- Hispanic outreach event on Saturday, September 14
- Scottsdale outreach event in October
- QR Code Review Cards being distributed to parents and staff

- Announcements

There were no announcements. The next Board meeting will be set at a future 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 6:30 pm passed unanimously with Director Tomasson, Director S. Miller and Director R. Miller voting to approve.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024



Vicki Dry, Secretary

