

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
IDAHO VIRTUAL ACADEMY'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday
January 19, 2023**

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm (MDT).

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established at 7:00 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

<i>Seat</i>	<i>Occupant</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Position 1	Chairman Thompson	(7/24)	X	
Position 2	Director Shaver	(7/24)	X	
Position 3	Director Handeen	(7/25		X
Position 4	Director McPherson	(7/23)	X	
Position 5	Director Krein	(7/23)		X

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Mike Groshong
Amber Hatrock
Julie Ingwersen
Sheila Shreiber
Felicia Boyle
Amy White

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Motion was made by Director McPherson to approve the Agenda, as posted.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes, and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

No member of the public sought to make comment.

C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director's Report

Presentation of informational items at the discretion and selection of the Directors.

1. IDVA 6 + 6 Board Presentation (December 2022) – Felicia Boyle

Directors have received a written presentation of the school's 6 + 6 financial reports for December of 2022 as part of the Board Packet for the meeting.

M. Boyle reviewed the details of the various financial reports with the Directors, addressing enrollment figures in relation to prior forecast (up 9) and budget (down 30); the financial impact of two teacher resignations upon the financial forecast and budget, the intended use of all restricted funds for FY23; the summary balance sheet, including foundation payments received and forthcoming; and cash flow reports. ,

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

1. Staff Highlight – Julie Ingwersen, Operations Manager

Ms. Edginton presented an introduction of Ms. Ingwersen; the School's Operations Manager and turned the time over to her so that she could explain her history as well as her duties for the school.

Ms. Edginton indicated that this is a very broad and very busy position for the school. Her work for the school is much appreciated.

Ms. Ingwersen received comments of appreciation from the Board for the work she does for the school and its students/families.

2. Pre-Legislative Overview – Suzi Budge

Ms. Edginton introduced Ms. Budge to the Board. She has worked with the school for numerous years through all of the various statutory and commission issues.

Ms. Budge provided the Directors with information as to what she is anticipating from this legislative session and addressed the various legislators she has worked with in the past and who she anticipates working with this legislative session. She anticipates clarification of statutory language so that commission staff acts consistently with intention of legislation and broadened authorizer options.

She addressed the virtual component of education growing in both post-secondary as well as K-12 school district offerings and how such is being handled entirely differently than virtual public charter schools. Thus, the additional regulations from the Commission are not applicable to the near-exact school district models. There is far more reporting and many more requirements for these charters.

Discussion was held regarding next week being school choice week and the participation of the school in this program.

Ms. Budge responded to numerous questions from the Board. The Board expressed its appreciation for all she has done for the school and its students over the years.

3. Executive Director Report – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items.

Ms. Edginton addressed the activities for National School Choice Week. She indicated that there is a rally scheduled at the Capitol, the school will have a table in the rotunda and students speaking at the fair. A bus of attendees will be coming from the Caldwell/Nampa area from the Parent Coalition.

Ms. Edginton shared that staff were appreciative of the Amazon gift cards

the school sent them in recognition of the holidays. Many staff sent thank you notes, and Ms. Edginton shared some of these with the board.

Ms. Edginton noted that grocery store gift cards and winter clothing items were sent to the school's McKinney Vento (homeless) students utilizing ARP Homeless grant funds.

Ms. Edginton noted that Insight School of Idaho is in the second year of a state mastery grant. This year, the school was awarded \$14,500. The mastery grant teachers are excited about implementing mastery based education with their students and are receiving good feedback and seeing successes. Ms. Edginton showed a picture of Aaron McKinnon of the Idaho State Dept. of Education presenting a Mastery Grant check to Insight School of Idaho. Mastery grant teachers Susan Davies, Carolyn Fabis, and Michelle Boggs and Ms. Edginton were there to accept the check.

Ms. Edginton noted that families and staff engaged in bowling for the November school event. She showed some pictures. She also noted that various family events, including the Idaho Reptile Museum, The Potato Museum, and the Herrett Planetarium were held around the state last week.

Ms. Edginton noted that the Fall Esports season wrapped up before the holidays and shared the successes of the teams. The spring season will be starting soon.

Ms. Edginton noted that ISID teacher, Carolyn Fabis, set up an IDVA/ISID Field trip to the Boise Art Museum. 17 Students and 6 learning coaches joined Carolyn and IDVA teacher, Becky Bermensolo, in mid-December for the art museum tour. Students had a tour and then created welcome postcards for refugees who recently immigrated to Boise.

Ms. Edginton discussed the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) State Leadership Seminar. The seminar "empowers high school sophomores to develop their leadership talents to become the leaders of their community. IDVA students have been participating since 2009. The last two years we have paid for two registrations using state College and Career grant monies, and prior to that it was just one. This year, two sophomores were selected and will be participating, D Richins and M Pierce. The conference will be held in June at the College of Idaho.

Ms. Edginton said she received an updated Annual Report from the charter commission staff yesterday and displayed the Academic Outcomes tables. They made the changes the board approved and submitted through the Annual Report Response form and made some additional updates, as well. Additionally, Ms. Edginton noted that a recent Idaho Ed News article highlighted some accomplishments of IDVA and ISID. ISID was noted as

being among alternative schools that exceeded their ELA performance goals, and both IDVA and ISID were among virtual schools that exceeded their Math performance goals.

The last point of discussion was a positive Idaho Ed. News Article.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (These items require a vote by the Directors)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion, or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of December 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Approval of December 2022 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Approval of a payment to Stride in the amount of \$1,211.50**
- 4. Enrollment Report**
- 5. Approval of Financial Report**

The consent agenda was opened for discussion and inquiry.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)

1. IDVA Interest Bearing Checking Account- Felicia Boyle

Ms. Boyle reviewed the various accounts of the school, whether they are interest bearing and what that interest rate is. She addressed various options for interest bearing accounts, which accounts she preliminarily recommends moving into interest bearing or greater interest bearing opportunities. She is continuing her research and wishes to return to the Board with more information and a proposed recommendation.

2. Amazon Account – Felicia Boyle

Currently all Amazon purchases are going on the school's credit card. Ms. Boyle wishes to examine opening an account with Amazon so that there will

be ease of record keeping, a single invoice, and it will keep the credit card at a lower balance figure.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve Ms. Boyle's activities to proceed with obtaining an Amazon Account for school use.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

3. E-Therapy Contract Update – Kelly Edginton

The contract was included with the Board's meeting packet. The contract has been reviewed through legal counsel. A number of items were adjusted.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve the E-Therapy contract, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

4. Pursue Shared School Resource Officer – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton explained her recent meeting attendance regarding a number of charter schools seeking to share an SRO and meeting with Meridian Police Department SRO personnel regarding the same. She explained what she has done in the past when she was in need of SRO assistance.

An SRO would cost 50-70,000 per year but IDVA's share on this would only be about 5%.

Directors asked Ms. Edginton numerous questions regarding this possible relationship.

Motion was made by Director McPherson to authorize Ms. Edginton to pursue school SRO options for IDVA.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

5. IDVA Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan Periodic Review – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan as part of the 6 month review under ESSER 3. Website

posting occurred as required and feedback has been received and reviewed.
Ms. Edginton addressed the inquiries that were received.

She does not recommend any change to the existing plan.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to leave the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction plan in the same as last approved, with no modifications.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)

1. Idaho Public Charter School Commission Hearing – Kelly Edginton.

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information regarding the scheduled Commission Hearing. The notice is provided in the Board's packet.

Ms. Edginton will be notified of which Directors wish to attend the hearing so that it can be properly noticed if a quorum is in attendance.

VI. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)

1. Personnel Report – Employee Resignation – Kelly Edginton

The personnel report addresses an employee's request to be released from contract and a submitted resignation. Ms. Edginton recommends approval and acceptance of this resignation. The mid-year timing works out for classes and this employee's exit aids with the end of year discussion regarding staffing figures post COVID.

Motion by Director Thompson to approve the employee's request for release from contract and acceptance of resignation.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

The directors expressed appreciation to the school's administration for the transparency they have exhibited with the staff regarding next year's anticipated changes in staffing. This has given employees all year to address their individual situations and potentially find a position currently.

VIII. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

IX. PUPIL SERVICES.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

X. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023 Stride Board and Partner Summit – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information as to the 2023 event to be held October 25 through 27, 2023 in the Reston Virginia area. Stride has recently moved to new offices and the event will be held in a location near these new facilities.

She asked Directors to review their calendars and determine if they wished to go. More discussion will occur on this matter during future meetings.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was scheduled or held.

XII. ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken by the Board.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORMATION SOUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS.

No matter was raised by any Director.

XIV ADJOURNMENT

Director Shaver made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of January 2023.

Mike Groshong, Board Clerk.

