

REGULAR MEETING

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

**Thursday  
April 21, 2022**

**7:00pm (MDT)**

**PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm (MDT).

**B. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum was established at 7:03 p.m.

**C. ROLL CALL**

| <i>Seat</i> | <i>Occupant</i>    | <i>Term</i> | <i>Present</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Position 1  | Director Thompson  | (7/24)      | X              |               |
| Position 2  | Director Shaver    | (7/24)      | X              |               |
| Position 3  | Chairman Handeen   | (7/22)      | X              |               |
| Position 4  | Director McPherson | (7/23)      | X              |               |
| Position 5  | Director Krein     | (7/23)      | X              |               |

*Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0*

\*Director Thompson joined the meeting in progress.

**Others present at the meeting:**

Kelly Edginton  
Amanda Judd  
Felicia Boyle  
Kellen MacDonald  
Mike Groshong  
Jenny Whelan  
Lisa Stein  
Felicia Boyle  
Amy White

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:**

**1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM**

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

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

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 9 x 3 Board Presentation (March 2022) – Felicia Boyle**

Financial Manager Boyle provided the Directors with an update on the school’s financial situation. This presentation was provided in writing as well as orally.

Enrollment decreased by 40 students over the previous month. This is what drove the change in financial reports. Ms. Boyle indicated that the school is exactly where it should be with funds and expenses at this time of the year. All Restricted Funds will be spent.

Ms. Boyle reviewed the Balance Sheet. Summary cash flow is strong.

Ms. Boyle stood for questions from the Directors.

**D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions**

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

**1. Executive Director Report – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items and noted that, per board tradition, office and operations board staff will receive \$25 Amazon gift cards for Administrative Professionals Day, and certified staff and classified student support staff will receive \$25 Amazon gift cards for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ms. Edginton noted that IDVA's Special Education Transition Coordinator, Deborah Pitassi, took a group of students on a tour of North Idaho College in March. Ms. Pitassi said the tour went great and they had a good discussion about dual credits, too. Nine IDVA students participated. There were 2 students in special education and 1 that was just exited. She had opened up the trip to general education students as well.

IDVA's Community Engagement Specialist, Cheri Pearson, led the IDVA school year 21/22 Spelling Bees. Winners of those Bees advanced to regional competition. IDVA had a 4<sup>th</sup> place winner, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner and a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. A student will be representing IDVA in the Stride National Spelling Bee, participating in the High School division. Stride is sending a student and one of her parents to the Stride offices in Virginia. The competition is on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Edginton noted that during a budget subcommittee meeting, board treasurer, Director Shaver, became aware that the school is being charged monthly banking fees for the school credit card. The next day Director Shaver followed up via email. She had visited with the bank manager in Fruitland who told her he was going to take care of us and will try to reverse three months of charges for our school. He informed Director Shaver that they do not actually have their own credit card division. It is provided by a vendor. He also noted that going forward the bank will be paying our charges.

### **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 February 2022 Regular Meeting Amended**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 3. Approval of March 2022 Monthly Invoices**
- 4. Approval of payment to Stride for: \$1,806,324.00**
- 5. Enrollment Report**
- 6. Approval of Financial Report**

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

Motion seconded by Director Handeen.

Motion approved, unanimously.

#### **IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

##### **A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)**

###### **1. Approval of the preliminary FY 22 Budget. – Budget Subcommittee.**

The subcommittee has had two meetings to date. The participants have included Trustee Shaver, Trustee Thompson, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Edginton.

Ms. Boyle indicated that a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the budget is completed. She presented this to the Directors, with a review of the assumptions made in developing the budget, including flat funding. She does recognize that there will need to be amendments to this draft that will relate to finalization of state funding expectations. These modifications will be addressed with draft two.

Ms. Boyle indicated that the May meeting and public hearing activities are all in line for proper completion.

Director Shaver addressed the complex nature of this process, especially with this year's changes. The Board's subcommittee will continue to meet to finalize the budget proposal.

Discussion was held among the Directors and Administration.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the preliminary budget.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion passed, unanimously.

###### **2. SB 1404 Staff Bonuses – Ms. Edginton.**

Ms. Edginton raised the issue of the legislatively approved bonuses for all public school staff. This impacts school employed personnel and is funded by the state through federal funds. This needs to be drawn down by the school by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

If approved by the Board, Ms. Edginton would like to make sure that this is

addressed in the May payroll.

Motion by Chairman Handeen to approve the employee bonus payments, as recommended by Ms. Edginton.

Motion seconded by Chairman Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

### **3. Kluth PD Keynote Speaker Contract – Ms. Edginton**

The 2022-23 Professional Development Committee wants this particular speaker as a keynote presenter for their return to school Training. Ms. Edginton presented information about Dr. Kluth and the proposed contract was included in the Board's packet. Ms. Edginton provided the Board with detailed information about the work of the Committee.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions and discussion ensued with the Directors. Discussion ensued regarding the fees and comparable nature of such fees.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve retaining Dr. Kluth for the speaking engagement and to authorize Ms. Edginton to sign the related contract.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

### **4. Related Service Provider Schedule A Proposed Revision – Kelly Edginton**

The Related Service provider schedule documents were first approved by the Board in June of 2020. At this time there are recommendations for some edits and simplification, including updates associated with billing.

Ms. Edginton provided detail to the Board and highlighted the specific recommended edits.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions and discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the Related Service Provider Schedule, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

### **5. IXL Contract - Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton advised the Board that packets include the contract proposals,

documents, policies and achievement information.

Last year the school did a small pilot in English. In 2021-22 addressed a math supplement program approved by the Board. There are a number of programs that the school would like to consolidate.

Ms. Edginton provided program details and information regarding purchase contracts. She detailed the use of ESSER funds to address learning losses.

Ms. Edginton stood for and addressed questions from the Directors. Directors who have had experience with the program as parents working with their children provided feedback.

Not every K12 affiliated school uses this program or outside supplementary programs, but IDVA has used and liked this extra tool as it is appropriate and beneficial to the students.

Motion was made By Chairman Handeen to approve the IXL Contracts, as presented, and to direct Ms. Edginton to sign such contracts on behalf of the school.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

**6. IDVA Scholarship Recommendations - Director Thompson, Director Shaver & College and Career Advisor, Lisa Stein.**

The IDVA Scholarship committee addressed the scholarships that are recommended to be awarded to the IDVA graduates from this school year. 39 applications were received from 16 applicants. All 16 received at least one scholarship.

Each scholarship was reviewed, with the recommended recipient and a bit of informant regarding each of the students at issue and their future educational plans.

The committee stood for questions and comments from the Directors. The Committee expressed how much they enjoyed this assignment and the thoughtful applications and essays received from the students.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the scholarship awards, as recommended by the Committee.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

**V. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)**

**1. Stride Board and Partner Summit – Chairman Handeen**

Chairman Handeen provided information to the Directors regarding the Partnership Summit Event to be held in Virginia. This is to be held July 27 and 28, 2022. April 29 is the last day to RSVP.

Chairman Handeen cannot go and put the matter out for any Director who wishes to attend. There is a virtual opportunity also available.

Director Krein and Thompson have gone to the Virginia site in the past and thought it was a great opportunity.

There are funds in the budget available for this trip. If a director wishes to attend they are to get in touch with Mr. Groshong.

**2. Charter Renewal – Kelly Edginton**

Chairman Handeen and Ms. Edginton attended the first Charter Renewal Orientation Meeting with the Commission staff. The five year renewal is up for June 30, 2023.

The Commission staff reviewed the process. In mid-November the school will receive its first renewal report and application. The schedule is set out from that date. The expectation at this point in time is renewal, with conditions. The last time around one of the conditions was a math growth condition. Currently the school has most of the financial conditions exempted due to the contractual relationship with Stride and the guaranteed balance.

This past year ITCA went through the process and their financial conditions were put back into place. It is expected that this will occur for IDVA as well. The school is working in advance to address how the school will stay in honors, within the parameters of their criteria so that the school will not be “dinged” in the financial category. Their current staff understands the arrangement but this does not mean that future staff will be of the same opinion and understanding. The algorithm really does not fit the school's situation.

This measurement is in the statute for financial transparency and this is the reason they want to bring the issues back.

The school will continue to advocate for changes.

Another part of the discussion was whether due to the fact that the school relies heavily on a single vendor what perception would that bring. There was some unusual discussion in that regard.

**VI. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)**

**1. Policy 602.0 Credit Proficiency Proposed Revision – Jenny Whelan**

Information was provided to the Directors as to why changes are proposed and code language modifications. Changes are being proposed to bring this policy into alignment.

Areas addressed included, but were not limited to Mastery, Apprenticeships and Career Exploration.

The policy was reviewed by counsel.  
The Administration stood for questions.

Director Shaver indicated great appreciation for this policy and the concept, especially on the technical side.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the revisions to policy 602.0 regarding Credit Proficiency, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

**2. Policy 605.0 Advanced Opportunities Proposed Revision - Jenny Whelan**

Information was shared with the Directors regarding the policy contents and proposed revisions. Detailed discussion included the CTE language amendments.

The policy was reviewed by counsel.  
The Administration stood for questions.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the amendments to Policy 605.0, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

**3. Policy 604.0 MS Minimum Standards Proposed Revision – Jenny Whelan**

Ms. Whelan provided the Directors with information regarding the proposed revision to this policy. The policy title was updated throughout



and language consistent with the SBOE rules regarding thoroughness

Discussion was held between the Directors and Administration regarding the issue of retention at grade level and with regard to grade level curriculum. Discussion also included promotion and credits earned requirements, the impacts of failing in any course, summer school and end of year credit opportunities.

This matter is going to be returned for additional review and board consideration after obtaining more clarity from the SBOE relating to these requirements.

**4. Policy 908.0 Grading Scale and Grade Point Proposed Revision – Jenny Whelan**

The policy revision was presented to the Board. A correction related to 0-59/ 0-69 in the scales.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the amendments to Policy 908.0, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

**VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)**

**1. Personnel Report – New Hire for SY 22-23 – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton presented the personnel report to the Directors for consideration and possible approval.

She discussed adding a CRT teacher to the ranks and addressed a number of fun and interesting new electives that could be added into the course offerings.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve the personnel report, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

**VIII. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.**

**No Business Scheduled or Held.**

**IX. PUPIL SERVICES.**

**No Business Scheduled or Held.**

**X. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Virtual Graduation Board Address – Kelly Edginton**

Discussion was held among the Directors and Ms. Edginton regarding the best possible manner to have a board member address for the virtual graduation. Ms. Edginton is going to work with each of the trustees reading recording a virtual message with the intent that Director Thompson will have the bulk of the presentation.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**No Business Scheduled or Held.**

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

**No Business Scheduled or Held.**

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

Director Krein addressed the issues of a possible in-person meeting for this summer and asking that the board hold a discussion on that issue next month so that arrangements and plans can be made.

Chairman Handeen would like information as to any feedback received relating to a Stride Ad in Idaho – the podcast by Ms. Higgins.

**XIV ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion seconded by Chairman Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm MDT.