# Idaho Virtual Academy Board of Director's Regular Board Meeting June 11, 2020

# I. PRELIMINARY

# A. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

# B. <u>ESTABLISH QUORUM</u>

The meeting was called to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

# C. ROLL CALL

Seat	Occupant	Term	Present	Absent
Position 1	Director Thompson	(7/21)		X
Position 2	Director Shaver	(7/21)	X	
Position 3	Chairman Handeen	(7/22)	X	
Position 4	Director MacConnell	(7/20)	X	
Position 5	Director Krein	(7/20)	X	

Positions and Terms pursuant to Policy 103.0

### Others in Attendance:

Kelly Edginton

Mike Groshong

Allen Wenger

Mike Wexler

Amanda Judd

Amber Hatrock

Julia Kozlov

Shelia Shiebler

Amy White

Open Teleconference Line

# II. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

# **A. PROCEDURAL NOTE**: - Action Item

# 1. Motion to Approve Agenda

A Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Director MacConnell.

## B. <u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INPUT</u>:

No member of the public sought to present.

# C. <u>INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director's Report (if available)</u>

The following item is presented as an informational item, separate from the Consent Agenda items.

#### 1. IDVA 10 + 2 Board Presentation – Mike Wexler

Finance Manager Wexler gave a presentation on the current state of IDVA finances. This presentation was provided in written form in the Board's packet, as well as addressed with a verbal presentation.

Mr. Wexler addressed numerous slides that had been provided to the Directors that outlined IDVA Metrics.

Mr. Wexler addressed most up-to-date information relating to revenue and costs, including cost reductions associated with no travel and school events the last few months of the school year.

Mr. Wexler addressed that all restricted funds have been fully utilized.

Mr. Wexler gave particular attention to the Balance Sheet and current status of school funds. At this stage, Mr. Wexler indicated that a \$200,000 payment would be appropriate for K12 at this time. If cash flow holds, there may be a recommendation for an additional payment next month.

Mr. Wexler stood for any questions with regard to the finances.

The appendix provided included the budget documentation. Previous draft versions had been prepared, and the school's committee addressed their typical participation in the budget committee activity and preparation.

# D. <u>INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff</u> Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

- **1. Head of School Report** Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with her monthly report on school activities. Such report included:
  - Ms. Edginton reviewed the upcoming calendar items.
    - July Annual meeting of the IDVA Board of Directors will be occurring.
    - o August 11<sup>th</sup> Teachers return date for SY 20/21.
      - The teachers will not be having the usual face-to-face return to school and training activities. These will be done remotely.
    - August 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.
    - o August 31st First day of SY 20/21.
  - Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information regarding the PCSC presentation. Ms. Edginton and Ms. Judd presented today. Other virtual school leaders participated. Chairman Reed had invited the virtual schools to discuss how instruction was delivered. This focus was important in relation to the current remote learning necessitated by COVID. The District offered training and support to other schools. The Commission members indicated appreciation for the information and indicated they learned a lot.
  - Ms. Edginton addressed the recent graduation activities. She believes that things went well, and appreciated that the students made as much out of the event as they wanted.
  - Ms. Edginton discussed the Newrow timeline for rollout of this replacement system. This is the system that will be replacing Blackboard. K12 has slowed the process down in order to work out various kinks in the program. There will be multiple options as to start dates with the program.
  - Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with information regarding the first IDVA Job Corp graduate. She provided the Directors with a copy of a letter of appreciation from Job Corp for the partnership.
  - Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with an update regarding a recent graduate. Jennalyn Eliason was an IDVA 2013 graduate. This spring she earned her Doctorate in pharmacy.

 Ms. Edginton provided the Directors with an update on student computer replacement updates. All Windows 7 devices will be replaced over the summer months for returning students. More information will be available during the July meeting. The school is continuing to work with finance on a replacement cycle.

# III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Requires Approval Vote of the Board)

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 votes on them.

- 1. Approval of Minutes of May 2020 Regular Meeting.
- 2. Approval of May 2020 Monthly Invoices.
- 3. Approval of K12 Invoice.
- 4. Approval of Payment to K12.
- 5. Approval of May 2020 Check Register for website posting.
- 6. Approval of May 2020 Financial Report.
- 7. Enrollment Report.

The Directors were presented with the Consent Agenda Items for consideration and possible approval. No Director sought to pull any individual item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve all matters in the Consent Agenda.

Motion was seconded by Director MacConnell. Motion approved, unanimously.

## IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Director Shaver to enter into Executive Session pursuant to section 74-206(1)(b), Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public school student.

Motion was seconded by Director MacConnell

As the roll call vote was being conducted, it was realized that the family in question had not yet arrived.

Motion to reconsider entering into Executive Session was made by Chairman Handeen.

Motion was seconded by Director MacConnell. Motion approved, unanimously.

Motion was made by Director Krein to table Executive Session until later in the meeting.

Motion seconded by Chairman Handeen. Motion approved, unanimously.

# V <u>ACTION, IF ANY, TO BETAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

No Action Taken.

#### VI. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

# A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

## 1. Insurance Renewal Approval

Mr. Wexler presented the Directors with information regarding the renewal of insurance for the upcoming year. This is essentially the same insurance as HUB provided last year. There was a small increase in premium of approximately \$1,250.00 from last year.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the Insurance Renewal as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver. Motion approved, unanimously.

# 2. IDVA Service Provider Contracts Approval

Ms. Judd presented the Directors with general service provider contract templates. She worked through these with Anderson, Julian & Hull and K-12 legal. These can be renewable, with a separate terms sheet, which can be addressed annually.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the proposed service provider contracts, as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Handeen. Motion approved, unanimously.

# 3. Leadership Premium Awards

Ms. Edginton addressed Leadership Premium Awards for next year. The legislature is not providing funding, as it is part of the financial holdbacks for the upcoming school year. She indicated that the administrators are working on ways to address some of the leadership positions that are paid through Leadership Premiums for next school year, without the state's funding.

The amount of money received this year from the state for leadership premiums was approximately \$59,000. Last meeting, the Directors addressed the award of department-nominated individuals. The other awards are all as addressed via the Leadership Premium Plans. Payments will be made to the certificated professional employees with the June payroll.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve all Leadership Premium Awards, and to make payment for such Awards, as presented.

> Motion seconded by Director MacConnell. Motion approved, unanimously.

# 4. Jered Borup Research Proposal

This is a research proposal in conjunction with George Mason University and BYU. This proposal relates to Encouraging and Understanding Transformative Teaching that Engages Online Students.

The Directors were provided with a packet of information relating to the proposal with the Board meeting materials packet. This is a study with the teachers. This involves voluntary participation by the teachers and is not a mandatory activity.

The study is also being reviewed by K12.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the research study, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell. Motion approved, unanimously.

### B. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS SCHEDULED AS INFORMATIONAL</u>

1. Certified Staff Evaluations & SY 19-20 Administrator Evaluations

Ms. Edginton informed the Directors that all evaluations for teachers and administrators were completed and done in a timely manner.

These were completed per statute. Ms. Edginton indicated that the teachers' evaluations as per Danielson Model, is very time consuming and labor-intensive.

Ms. Edginton indicated that she has to make a report to the state regarding evaluation completion and outcomes. This year's reports for the state require more information than in the past.

# C. POLICY READINGS – REQUIRING AN APPROVAL VOTE

None scheduled or held

#### D. PERSONNEL (Requiring an Approval Vote)

#### 1. Personnel Report

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the written personnel report detailing proposed personnel action.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the personnel report, including contracts and hires, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver. Motion approved, unanimously.

#### 2. Board Approval of Alternative Authorization Plan

Mr. Groshong presented the Directors with information regarding Alternative Authorizations, in general, as well as with regard to the staffing situation at the District. He addressed the general concern with regard to finding appropriately qualified personnel for Special Education positions. They are difficult positions to fill. Having appropriate on-line skills is also an important issue. Only one of the two open Special Education teaching positions was able to be filled by an individual with an appropriate credential.

The Retention and Alternative Authorization Plan for Heidi Arrate was presented to the Board. The Board was advised of her prior history and experience, including existing certification/endorsements. The Board addressed her prior work with the school, and needs to be done for Ms. Arrate to be hired for a Special Education position with the school. The details of the Plan itself were addressed.

Special Education is a very hard-to-fill position. The school had posted and looked for personnel properly certificated, qualified and able to do the job. The Administrative team was not able to locate an appropriate and qualified candidate for this position. Further, given Ms. Arrate's prior experience with the school, its students and personnel, this solution ends up as a perfect fit for everyone.

Motion was made by Director MacConnell to approve the Alternative Authorization Plan for Ms. Arrate, as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Handeen. Motion approved, unanimously.

Chairman Handeen expressed his continued appreciation of the ability of the school to retain and promote personnel from within.

# E. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM - Informational

No matters scheduled or held.

## F. PUPIL SERVICES (Approval Vote Needed)

#### 1. IDVA All School Handbook SY 2020-21

Ms. Edginton indicated that the Handbook before the Board is very similar to last year, with minor changes. She detailed the nature of the changes. The Handbook was included in the Board's Packet for review. Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion by Director Shaver to approve the All School Handbook for SY 2020-21, as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Handeen. Motion approved, unanimously.

## G. PUPIL SERVICES (Informational)

### 1. eSports Presentation.

Mr. Christopherson made a presentation to the Directors. He serves as the IDVA Coach, as well as the Head of eSports for K12. He detailed the work he has done with the students, as well as what he is doing for K12 nationwide in creating a league.

The Directors and Mr. Christopherson engaged in numerous discussions regarding the program and the games currently played, as well as what is going to be played next year.

Ms. Edginton advised the Directors that the kids love the program. Currently, this is a high school program. Once solidified, he would like to add a club activity of the same nature for the middle school students. Discussion was held as to how the industry of gaming is growing, not just for kids playing but also for degrees and industry use.

# V. <u>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u>

## 1. Discussion regarding July Annual Meeting Date.

Discussion was held that at this time it is likely best to hold the annual meeting via electronic means, and the Directors will schedule a face-to-face meeting at a later date.

### VI. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

The Board returned to its previously tabled Executive Session.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to enter into Executive Session pursuant to section 74-206(1)(b), Idaho Code, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public school student.

Motion was seconded by Director Shaver.

Motion failed for a lack of a minimum of four (4) Directors being present and voting in the affirmative.

# VII. ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None held.

# VIII. BOARD MEMBER INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORMAITON SOUGHT BY BOARD MEMBERS

No matters were raised.

# IX. ADJOURN

No further business on the schedule, a Motion was made by Director Shaver to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Chairman Handeen. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm (MDT).

Submitted this day, <u>June 11</u>, 2020 by:

Mike Groshong Board Clerk