

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

**Thursday
March 17, 2022**

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm (MDT).

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established at 7:14 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 Shaver joined the meeting in progress.

In the absence of Chairman Handeen, Director Krein conducted the meeting.

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Amanda Judd
Felicia Boyle
Kellen MacDonald
Mike Groshong
Sheila Shiebler
Allen Wegner
Doug McCollum

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Motion was made by Director Thompson 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. Stride Produce Development Updates – Doug McCollum.

The Executive Director introduced Mr. McCollum to the Directors. He is the Senior V.P. Of Products for Stride and is in attendance this evening to provide updates to the Board from Product Development and to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. McCollum had a presentation to the Directors on new and upcoming products. Particular attention was directed toward the Learning Hub, new K-1 courses, new 2-5 Science courses, new 2-5 Art courses, Science Simulation, Digital Option for all materials at point of use. Updates to 6-12 Social Studies courses and partnership with Newsela. All of the new renovations are designed to take the pressure and stressors off of Learning Coaches. The Learning Hub and the Newsela collaboration will allow students to access primary sources of social studies courses and be able to read new source materials at their own reading level.

Mr. McCollum stood for questions.

2. IDVA 8 x 4 Board Presentation (February 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 increased by 36 students over the previous month. The school is enjoying a strong cash flow and expects to receive another state payment in May.

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

- The Executive Director noted that spring break is March 28 through April 1.
- The school held its first dances in more than two years on March 5th. Dances were held in Coeur d'Alene, Meridian, and Pocatello. Staff and parent volunteers managed the dance, and everyone had a lot of fun! The Executive Director shared pictures from the dances.
- The school held varied March school events last Friday. Students in the Treasure Valley visited the Boise Watershed, engaged in fun experiments, and learned about our water resources. Students in the Magic Valley enjoyed painting. Students in SE Idaho visited the Museum of Idaho for a fun hands-on experience. Families in North Idaho had a greatly discounted price for Triple Play, and we had a great turnout for that event, which is always a favorite. The Executive Director shared pictures from the events.
- As noted at last month's board meeting, Janna Privette, IDVA Science teacher, took 4 students to the Western Idaho Science and Engineering Fair last month. The Executive Director informed the board that Idaho Virtual Academy earned the Top School award at the fair. The award is calculated based on total projects and total category awards, including Silver, Gold, Best in Category and Best in Fair. Science teacher Janna Privette coached Idaho Virtual Academy's participants, which earned one of the four Best in Category awards, two of the seven Category Golds and two of the 12 Category Silvers. Privette was named WISEF's top-performing educator.

All 4 IDVA students earned awards – 2 golds and 2 silvers, and one earned a \$1000 BSU scholarship.

Student #1: Gold

Student #2: Gold
Student #3: Silver and a \$1000 BSU Scholarship
Student #4: Silver
The Executive Director attended the fair and was impressed with the students and their projects.

After her presentation, Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

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**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2022 Special Meeting**
- 3. Approval of February 2022 Monthly Invoices**
- 4. Approval of payment to Stride for: \$1,088,031.00**
- 5. Enrollment Report**
- 6. Approval of Financial Report**

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

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)

1. FY 2023 Budget Subcommittee – Ms. Edginton.

The Executive Director noted that it's the time of year when the board appoints a budget sub-committee to review the upcoming school year budget. The committee should include two directors, and the Executive Director recommended the board treasurer be one of those appointed to the committee.

Discussion was held among the Directors and Administration.

Motion was made by Director Krein that the following Directors be appointed to the Sub-Committee: Directors Thompson and Shaver with Director MacPherson serving as an alternate.

Motion seconded by Director MacPherson.
Motion passed, unanimously.

2. 2022/23 Power School Agreement– Ms. Edginton.

The Executive Director noted that 10 years ago, the IDVA board approved PowerSchool for our middle and high school student report cards and transcripts, and it has served us well. It is the time of year for annual PowerSchool renewal. Stride legal has communicated updated information regarding contracts with charter school boards. The board must approve these contracts, and the Chairman can sign, or the full board can approve a Stride employee to sign.

The Executive Director noted she has reviewed the PowerSchool service agreement, and it is included in the board packet as is the 22/23 PowerSchool service quote. Additionally, she noted she was also provided access to the PowerSchool privacy policy and related information through an account PowerSchool set up for her. She reviewed the privacy policy and certificates and is satisfied with the PowerSchool agreement and that PowerSchool has a policy that complies with FERPA and protects the privacy of our students. She noted that PowerSchool has been a good resource for many years for our school is utilized by many, many school districts across the nation and is a highly regarded company.

The Executive Director asked for the board’s approval of the annual PowerSchool agreement and quote and either approval to add the board chair’s signature to the quote or approval for her to sign and stood for questions.

Motion by Director Thompson to approve the annual PowerSchool Agreement with the stipulation that the Executive Director has the authority to sign the Agreement.

Motion seconded by Chairman McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

3. Inspired By You 2020/21 Invoice – 3084.25– Ms. Edginton

The Executive Director noted that is a request to pay invoices from 20/21 that were just submitted. Our Special Programs Administrator asked for an explanation from this provider, and this is what she was told:

I apologize for my long delay. I have been out a lot due to an ongoing illness. I'm a bit confused with all the emails and am truly trying to catch up with what's going on with this account.

I understand that I failed to upload the missing March docs from 2021. I can see that. I will absolutely do that this afternoon when I am at the office and able to rescan them.

This is not a provider that we have taken to the board previously. The Executive Director asked the board's approval to pay these invoices and stood for questions.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions and discussion ensued with the Directors.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve the invoice for payment, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

4. Tandy Therapy Invoice – Kelly Edginton

The Executive Director noted that this is another request to pay late invoices in the amount of \$1,530 that were just submitted. The representative from Tandy Therapy noted:

“They were initially billed last school year, but we have had to track down the SDRs and match them up from a therapist who was no longer with us as of last February. She was very sick when she left, and I am guessing that is why there were so many mistakes. We have been trying to fix the mistakes since.”

This is not a provider that we have taken to the board previously. The Executive Director asked the board's approval to pay these invoices and stood for questions.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions and discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve payment of the Tandy Therapy Invoices, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VI. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

1. **Policy 309.1 Employee Expenses Amended – Ms. Edginton**
2. **Policy 307.1 Internet Service Provider Subsidy Amended – Ms. Edginton**

The Executive Director noted she is bringing the policies back for a second reading and changes have been made.

Ms. Edginton worked with Finance and Operations on Policy 309.1 and also consulted with ITCA as they are considering making changes, too. She noted that she thinks we've come up with a good plan. In a nutshell, we would like to provide staff members a softphone which is a computer-based phone and the option to add an app to a personal smartphone. The cost is \$12.50 per month per user. We are already using the softphone provider, Comm Core, for our office phone system. The Executive Director worked with Comm Core on a quote. Based on the staff we have currently, including softphones for each staff member plus our current office phones and set up, the quote is \$1,587.50 per month. If the same number of staff were to have Verizon smartphones, the cost would be \$50.70 per month per user, which amounts to \$6,438.90 per month. This is a monthly savings of over \$4,800 and an annual savings of over \$58,000 on phone service. This doesn't include Verizon device expenses, so the savings is even greater.

For internet access, we are proposing to give staff members the choice between a Verizon internet device (cost is \$27.30-\$39.99 per month depending on usage) or up to \$40/month internet reimbursement, which is the same as we provide families. We can deactivate Verizon internet devices at no charge for up to 90 days, so staff who don't work in the summer will have those deactivated, and we will not be paying for timeframes when they are off contract or off work-agreement. Calculating high, if the cost for each current staff member was the higher \$40, this would amount to \$5,080 per month, which is \$55,880 per year for 11 months (which is the number of months the school will be paying for most of the staff). It would actually be less than this because some will choose the less expensive jet pack.

If a staff member chooses the subsidy reimbursement, we will have a process for them to submit their receipts. This means it will be a true reimbursement and will not have tax implications for the staff member or the school.

With the changed policy, the cost for 127 staff for softphone and internet would be approximately \$74,930 annually as opposed to approximately \$122,000 (\$11,000 X 12 minus an estimated \$10K to account for testing lab devices and MKV internet devices). The Verizon phone cost would be higher in the future since all of our flip phones would need to be upgraded due to the 5G situation. If the board approves this policy, the school will be saving approximately \$50,000 each year.

The Policy 307.1 proposed revision is to provide staff members with IDVA students just one internet subsidy or device.

The Executive Director asked for approval of the policies and stood for questions.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions. Discussion ensued with the Directors and Ms. Edginton responded to inquiries.

Motion was made by Director McPherson to approve the amendments to Policies 309.1 and 307.1, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VIII. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

IX. PUPIL SERVICES.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

X. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Determination of Board Member Representation for 2022 Graduation Ceremonies.

A discussion was held among the Directors as to who would represent the Board at each of the upcoming graduation ceremonies in the spring. It was decided that the following Directors would be present and give a short talk at the following graduation ceremonies:

Chairman Handeen at the North Idaho Graduation
Director MacPherson at the Nampa Graduation
Director Krein at the Idaho Falls Graduation

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.

No information was given by any of the present Directors toward future agenda items for the next or upcoming meetings.

XIV ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion seconded by Chairman McPherson.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March 2022

Mike Groshong
Board Clerk