

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

**Thursday  
November 19, 2020**

**7:00pm (MDT)**

**PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm (MST).

**B. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Quorum was established at 8:05 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 MacConnell	(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  
Tamara Hutton  
Amanda Judd  
Samantha Davis  
Julie Kozlov  
Mike Wexler  
Amy White

## **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. PROCEDURAL NOTE:**

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

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

Director MacConnell seconded the Motion.

Motion was 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.

#### **1. Statement to the Board – Mike Wexler**

Mr. Wexler indicated to the Board that he is no longer with K12, and he wanted to express what a pleasure and honor it was to work with the school. He indicated that they are in great hands, and would like to express his appreciation for the last two (2) years.

The Directors expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wexler for his work, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

### **C. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Director’s Report**

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

#### **1. Director’s Report on the ISBA Convention –**

The Directors indicated that they have not yet had time to watch all the sessions that they wanted to watch. A number of specific presentations were identified as having been viewed, as well as a number of sessions that the Directors wish to prioritize for future viewing.

Ms. Edginton indicated that she knows Chairman Handeen did participate in the Resolution portion of the convention.

This matter will be returned as a topic for next month’s agenda for further

discussion regarding sessions attended by Directors.

## **2. IDVA 2 + 10 Board Presentation – Julie Kozlov**

Ms. Kozlov presented the Directors with information regarding the financial condition of the school as of October 2020. She indicated that she will be doing this month's presentation, and potentially next month, but that Samantha Davis will be assuming this responsibility in the future.

The Directors were provided with written information, and a number of specific slides were reviewed with the Directors by Ms. Kozlov.

Ms. Kozlov reviewed the IDVA Metrics. The projected nine (9) month school enrollment average decreased 6% or 240 students versus prior forecast. The projected nine (9) month enrollment increased 1,996 students versus the prior school year, showing 107% year overgrowth. For an enrollment breakout, K-5 decreased month over month 26 students, MS 114 students and HS 100 students.

The prior versus current financial forecast was reviewed as such is driven by student enrollment. A month over month decrease in revenue is projected at 1.5 million, driven by a decrease of 240 students. Expense reduction is also driven by the enrollment decrease, resulting in a lower spending in student expenses of 600,000, in management and technology fees of 300,000, and special education services of 300,000, offset by an increase in middle school staff.

The forecast versus original IDVA budget is driven by variables that resulted from an increase of 1534 students, driving additional revenue of 10.3 million dollars. This is partially offset by expenses related to the increase in enrollment.

A discussion was next held regarding a summary of restricted funds. These include traditional Title Funds, but also the CARES/COVID funds for this school year. It is anticipated that the goal will be reached to expend 100% of all such funds.

The Summary Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Summary were the last two slides addressed. The Balance Sheet changes are relating to a K12 payment of 1.25 million and operational expenses of 900,000. These were partially offset by State and Federal funding of 600,000. Cash flow for the remainder of the school year looks strong.

The Directors thanked Ms. Kozlov for the report, and the fact that the financial status looks to be strong. Ms. Kozlov stood for questions. Director Shaver will be working with Samantha Davis moving forward on

check reviews once the email system glitch has been repaired.

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

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

**1. Head of School Report – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with her Head of School Report.

Ms. Edginton reviewed upcoming calendar items.

Ms. Edginton referred to the notices she has sent to them via text and her personal email regarding K12 email issues. She stated that school email has been sporadic. K12 has communicated that the email server is separate from servers that contain student or staff information, and those servers are not affected, so no student or staff information has been compromised. The student online school and class connect platforms have remained functional, so students are continuing to have access and school as usual.

Ms. Edginton noted that K12 is becoming Stride. The date of the name change will be December 16, 2021. Message from K12: “To better reflect our evolution and continued growth into lifelong learning, K12 Inc. announced it is becoming Stride, Inc. The Stride brand recognizes that, as a company, we are no longer limited by the boundaries of the K-12 market. With our new brand, we are also committing to providing personalized, high-quality education in important career pathways that lead to in-demand, good paying careers.”

Ms. Edginton shared some pictures of students and their October Virtual Arts & Crafts Day projects.

Ms. Edginton gave an overview of a new Learning Coach Community that will be available to IDVA LCs beginning in December. The LC Community will be accessed by LCs with enrolled students through the K12 app, and will provide networking opportunities for them. The community will be moderated by IDVA’s Community Engagement Specialist.

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 October 2020 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Approval of October 2020 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Approval of K12 Invoices**
- 4. Approval of Payment to K12 (\$1.25 Million)**
- 5. Approval of October 2020 Check Register for Website Posting**
- 6. Approval of October Financial Report**
- 7. Enrollment Report**

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented, including the designated payment to K12.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

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

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

###### **1. DL Evans Bank Discussion – Director Shaver**

Director Shaver gave the Directors a report on her recent communications and contact with D.L. Evans Bank personnel. The bank is extremely concerned regarding making the school happy.

The Directors expressed their individual frustration that things are taking this long to address. An invitation will be extended to the Eagle Manager so that the Board can express the seriousness and finality of the timeline to fix the issues. There is one month thereafter before the top is reached. If things are not working by the January meeting, it is likely the Directors will engage in a discussion regarding changing banking providers.

###### **2. Motion and Approval of Removal of Mike Wexler and Allen Wenger from the D.L. Evans Account.**

Motion was made by Director Thompson for IDVA to remove Mike Wexler and Allen Wegner from the D.L Evans school account.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

###### **3. Motion and Approval to add Samantha Davis to the D.L. Evans Account.**

Motion was made by Director Thompson to add Samantha Davis onto the school's D.L. Evans Bank Account.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.

Motion approved, unanimously.

Discussion was held between Ms. Edginton and the Directors as to the named individuals on the school's account.

#### **4. PCSC New Performance Framework Opportunity.**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with information regarding the new performance framework that the Commission will be using. Kelly was involved in working with this new framework. When any school is up for renewal, they will be renewed under the new framework. Existing schools have the option to keep their existing framework or to change to the new one.

Ms. Edginton indicated that the academic scores will not be at issue this year with having no ISAT data. The framework on finance in the existing framework does not apply to IDVA. The same argument will need to be addressed when the school changes to the new framework. Comparison of schools is one of the areas of concern for Ms. Edginton under the new framework.

Ms. Edginton does not believe that the Board should switch at this time, and it is her recommendation that the school stick with the existing framework for this year. The Board can come back at any time and change to the new framework if it believes such to be advantageous.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion was made by Director Thompson for IDVA to stick with its existing performance framework.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.

Motion approved, unanimously.

#### **5. EF Costa Rica Tour – Tamara Hutton**

Ms. Hutton had provided the Directors with written information regarding a proposed school trip to Costa Rica. She also presented information during her report. Through this report, she is requesting approval for the next scheduled trip, in June of 2022, and is seeking permission to share information, start promotion and to start recruitment of participants. If the

Board agrees, she will be holding a parent meeting next week.

In line with the Board's prior requests, this trip is one of the lower cost trips for families and is shorter in duration. Due to COVID issues, the June 2020, trip to Australia was delayed to June of 2021, and the Germany tour thereafter was cancelled. She wants to stick to the plans for Australia and the newly proposed Costa Rica trip.

Ms. Hutton did complete her E.R Training tour, doing a training tour in Rome. She felt this was very helpful in moving her forward with scheduling and conducting these student tours. When she had last met with the Board, this training trip had just been scheduled.

Ms. Hutton stood for questions.

Director Krein indicated her appreciation for the lower cost trip, making the opportunity more in-reach for the school's families. She indicated that the trip looked fun. Director MacConnell appreciated the hopefulness message that making plans of this nature demonstrated to students.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve the requested trip activities as sought by Ms. Hutton.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.

Motion approved, unanimously.

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**C. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an approval vote)**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

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

**1. Personnel Report.**

Ms. Edginton presented the Personnel Report to the Directors for Approval. The Report was provided, in writing, in the Board's packet. Ms. Edginton indicated that hiring has somewhat slowed to a trickle now, as compared to earlier in the fall where hiring and training was a constant activity.

The Board made inquiry to the Administration as to whether or not they and the teachers still have their heads above water with the huge influx

of students. Discussion ensued on this subject matter.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the Personnel Report, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

## **2. Approval of Request to Work out of the LEA.**

Ms. Edginton presented the request from school's employee. This was also presented in writing in the Board's packet.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the request to work outside of the LEA.

Motion seconded by Director MacConnell.  
Motion approved, unanimously.

## **E. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.**

### **1. New Class Connect Collaboration Tool. – Kelly Edginton**

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with a bit of history on the use of various tools that have been used by the school. K12's first experience with an online collaboration tool was 15 years ago when Elluminate was introduced. Schools began using Elluminate as a live classroom option over the years, and in 2009, it was integrated into the online school, so teachers and students could access it there. During this time, live classes became more and more prevalent at all schools, and requirements began taking shape. Elluminate changed its name to Blackboard in 2010 and the platform was enhanced in 2018. Realizing that the platform didn't meet all the needs, K12 started looking for better options. In 2018 and 2019, the K12 Project Development team began testing options and gathering teacher feedback, narrowing our options until one only remained - Newrow.

Newrow offers many new benefits to the virtual learning environment, and combines the best of classroom management functionality with a more modern video-focused approach to participant engagement.

Newrow will be integrated into the K12 system, so it will launch directly in the Online School as Blackboard currently does. There is no need to download an external launcher application as is currently required for Blackboard.



IDVA will be transitioning to using Newrow for Class Connect sessions beginning second semester. The Directors did hold a discussion and presentation on this tool last spring. The school was not one of the schools that hopped on board for use, as there were still a few issues that needed to be worked out. A number of other K12 affiliated schools have been using the tool since the start of the school year, and reports are that it is going well.

Training activities have already started, and Andrea Wells is working with the school's staff on ongoing training activities. If it is not working up to our desired results, we can go back to Blackboard.

Ms. Edginton believes the program will be easier for students to use and has easier access. The school will start with the new tool with the semester change in January.

**F. PUPIL SERVICES.**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No Business Scheduled or Held.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session Scheduled or Held.

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

No Action was Scheduled or Held.

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

This portion of the Agenda is an informational section for Directors to advise the Chair and Clerk of possible matters for consideration in future meeting agenda, as well as information that the Directors may wish to review in such context. This is not an action section or a portion of the Agenda for which the Board will be taking action.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.  
Motion approved, unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm MST.

Presented this day, November 19, 2020.

Mike Groshong  
Board Clerk