

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

**Thursday
October 21, 2021**

7:00pm (MDT)

PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm (MDT).

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established at 7:01 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.

Others present at the meeting:

Kelly Edginton
Allen Wegner
Keri Brown
Mike Groshong
Amanda Judd
Amber Hatrock
Andrea Hampton
Jake Houtrouw
Megan Sandoval
John Kramer
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.

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 3 + 9 Board Presentation (September 2021)

Mr. Wegner indicated that there were some data errors with the presentation, but that the Directors do have a written report.

He addressed the State Foundation Payment for November. He indicated that the payments for the school for August and November are based off of last year's enrollment of approximately 4100 students, whereas this year's enrollment is approximately 2410. This is a sizeable funding difference. The pandemic situation has made great changes in enrollment for last school year with some normalcy for this current year. If the school took the November payment, they would be on track for approximately 23 million in revenue, which is well above the funding sums associated with the actual enrollment figures. In August, the school received 11.5 million, with 4.5 million scheduled for November. Given the current enrollment, it is believed that November's payment would put the school in excess of what they are entitled to for this current school year, and put the school in a situation where it would have to start making return payments to the state in February, when funding starts to true-up with actual enrollment figures. Mr. Wegner has talked with the SDE about forgoing the November

payment, with, in his opinion, is entirely fine with regard to the school's cash flow. The state is in agreement with this approach, so the Board would need to take action to forgo this payment. The state would need a decision from the school by November 1st so that it has the appropriate lead time to address Foundation Payments for November 15th.

Mr. Wegner indicated that the cash flow of the school is currently solid, with the bank account currently at approximately 12 million dollars. There will be no financial problem getting to the next payment on February 15th.

Mr. Wegner stood for questions. He indicated that there has been no negative feedback from the state relating to this problem and the under-enrollment figure. He indicated that everyone has been very understanding with the fact that enrollment fluctuations are occurring and appreciated the openness from the school regarding the matter. Being entirely transparent with the state regarding the financial situation, rather than taking the money, has been a positive in the relationship with the state.

Ms. White indicated that she would prefer the Board take official motion action on this request, rather than a consensus or the Administration taking action on its own on such a large decision. This is not on the Agenda for an action item tonight, so a Special Meeting will need to be scheduled for approval prior to the November 1st notification deadline.

Mr. Wegner also provided information to the Directors on the written financial reports. Restricted/Title Funds are starting to flow in at this time of the year. These will be expended according to programs.

Mr. Wegner stood on the written report with no other questions raised.

2. Reply to Director Shaver regarding late payments

Mr. Wegner addressed the work that is being done by Stride to figure out this problem. It appears that this is only a few vendors, and it is routinely the same vendors. These vendors appear to have some confusing invoices, and Stride's accounting personnel are looking into working with these specific invoices and vendors to clarify invoices and to obtain timely payments. Mr. Wegner has full confidence that the problem will be resolved.

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

1. Head of School Report – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton covered the upcoming calendar activities for the school, as well as information relating to current activities at the school. This presentation included photos of various activities.

October virtual events

- Grade band virtual events were held last Friday. Cheri Pearson, our Community Engagement Specialist, did a great job putting everything together for some fun activities, and school staff worked together to lead the various events. One teacher received a picture of the cookies a student made with the instructions provided at her event. The student's mother said she had a great time!

8th grade Career Pathways first work-based learning event held

- As part of Stride's career readiness programming, schools arrange and offer work-based learning events. IDVA held our first event of the fall on October 11th. A representative from College of Western Idaho came to talk about their program. The information was very well received! 194 IDVA 8th graders attended and asked a lot of questions.

College and Career Speaker Series (fall semester)

- Our College and Career Advisor, Lisa Stein, has offered college and career speaker series every year, and this fall, she has the following events scheduled. All middle and high school students and their parents are invited, and our 8th grade career pathways students will have additional invitations from their teachers.

- October 22 - College of Southern Idaho
- November 5 - Boise State University
- November 12 - College of Western Idaho CTE Program
- November 19 - North Idaho College
- December 3 - University of Idaho
- December 17 - BYU Idaho
- January 14 - Lewis and Clark State College

Ms. Edginton indicated that these events are well organized and well attended. This program is a significant benefit to the students and families at IDVA and provides a great deal of information regarding the options that students have in moving forward with educational opportunities.

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 September 2021 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Approval of September 2021 Monthly Invoices**
- 3. Approval of K12/Stride Invoices and payment of \$60,698**
- 4. Approval of Financial Report**
- 5. Enrollment Report**

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

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Requiring Approval Vote)

1. IDVA 21/22 DIP Updates in the Go-On Rate Section

Ms. Edginton advised the Directors of an update in the section that relates to information provided by the state. The administration was notified last month about the change. She detailed changes made in lines 55, 58 and 64.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve the IDVA 21/22 DIP, to address the Go-On section as presented by Ms. Edginton.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

2. FY 21 Annual Statement of Financial Condition Approval.

The written information and reports have been provided to the Directors in their Board packet. This is a statutory requirement and is addressing FY 21.

The School's business personnel and Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the Annual Statement of Financial Condition, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

3. Approval of Transfer of Employees of Stride to Employees of IDVA

Ms. Edginton re-raised the issues of administrator credentials with the Directors, addressed previously. Due to the re-interpretation of the statute, it was decided that the transfer of these individuals from Stride to IDVA as employer of record takes care of the issue.

This matter is also addressed in the personnel report. As per the Agreement with Stride, the parties need to separately address and approve a change of employer status between the two entities.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the transfer of the identified Stride employees to IDVA, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director McPherson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

4. Schweitzer Engineering Donation Recommendation to Add to Scholarship Fund - Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton addressed this donation with the Directors. A donation of this nature had also been received last year from Schweitzer. A parent of a now-alumni designated the school for the donation. Last year, the Board made the decision to put these funds into the scholarship fund. Ms. Edginton is making the same recommendation for this year.

Director Shaver made inquiry regarding whether or not the STEM teachers have the equipment and supplies that they need. Ms. Edginton indicated that there are no outstanding requests, and especially with the CARES monies, there are not outstanding teacher requests at this time. However, consideration of the teachers and their needs was appreciated.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to accept the donated funds and to designate such funds to the school's scholarship fund.

Motion seconded by Director Shaver.
Motion approved, unanimously.

5. Tandy Therapy Invoices 12/09/20–02/26/21 - Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton raised the issue of the old invoices from Tandy Therapy. It

has been a practice that invoices received 6+ months after service have to be brought to the Board separately for review and approval. This has not occurred often, but from time to time.

Discussion was held as to why these invoices were late and how issues were addressed with the vendor so that this does not occur in the future.

The administration indicated confidence that these invoices had not previously been paid and that services had been provided.

Motion was made by Director Krein to approve the Tandy Therapy Invoices from 12/9/20 through 2/26/21, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

6. IDVA Staff Scholarship Committee Member Recommendation – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton raised issue with the school’s scholarship committee and the fact that the Board missed adding a staff member as a member on the school’s scholarship committee for this year. She is proposing adding the College and Career Counselor Lisa Stein.

Motion was made by Director Shaver to approve inclusion of Lisa Stein to be a member of the school’s scholarship committee.

Motion seconded by Director Thompson.
Motion approved, unanimously.

V. A. BUSINESS ITEMS (Informational)

1. Smartboard Disposal – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton provided the Board, as the disposal agent, with information about the status of the school’s smartboards and the need to dispose of the same. Two of these smart boards are over 10+ years old and are non-functioning. She worked with the Western Region Technology Personnel and learned that there is no upgrade available, and has done the research to confirm that they have no salvage or market value.

She is notifying the Board of this disposal. As they do not have a value of over \$500, there is no action required of the Board.

B. POLICY READINGS (Requiring an Approval Vote)

1. Policy 605.0 Advanced Opportunities Proposed Revision – Kelly

Edginton

Ms. Edginton next addressed a proposed edit to Policy 605. She addressed the issue of students choosing to delay graduation beyond their cohort solely to use advanced opportunity funds for college credits. She has communicated with the state about this situation, and they are aware of a number of situations where this is occurring. The state indicated that this is not the intention of the program and funding, and that the funding is intended through the natural 12th grade year of the student. The state discussed the statutory language and indicated that the schools can create guidelines so that student actions meet the intent of the policies.

Discussion ensued between the Directors and administrators as to the various pros and cons associated with putting policy language in place that seeks to require students to engage in this program within the intent of the legislation.

Motion was made by Director Thompson to approve the recommended amendment to Policy 605, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved 4 – 1

In Favor: Director Thompson
 Director Krein
 Director Shaver
 Director McPherson.

In Opposition: Chairman Handeen.

C. PERSONNEL REPORT (Requiring an approval vote)

1. Personnel Report – Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton presented the Directors with the Personnel Report.

Motion was made by Chairman Handeen to approve the personnel report, as presented.

Motion seconded by Director Krein.
Motion approved, unanimously.

D. INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM.

1. Executive Director (HOS) Academic Report - Kelly Edginton

Ms. Edginton's report was provided to the Directors in written format, the long detailed report and executive summary.

Ms. Edginton stood for questions.

F. PUPIL SERVICES.

No Business Scheduled or Held.

VI. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. ISBA Convention Discussion- November 17-19/2021

Ms. Edginton re-introduced the discussion of the ISBA convention and the preliminary discussion regarding holding November's Meeting during the ISBA convention so that such meeting can be held in person.

Discussion was held as to attendance and notifying Mr. Groshong as to who will be seeking to attend the contention and discussion of necessary arrangements.

The Board meeting will be scheduled for the afternoon of the 19th and typical in-person meeting activities will be occurring.

B. School Credit Card Discussion

Discussion was held by Trustee Shaver and Trustee Thompson with regard to their review and recommendation for a replacement credit card. The D.L. Evans situation has not worked well for the school, and D.L. Evans did not appear to have the same sense of urgency and need to change as the school.

The subcommittee also thinks that it is wise to move funds to the LGIP for a higher interest rate, continuing to use D.L. Evans solely for bill paying and not the storage of funds.

The subcommittee is recommending a Chase Visa.

A final decision will need to be made by the Board, and this matter will be put on the Agenda for the upcoming Special Meeting for possible action.

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.

No matters were raised by any Trustee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion seconded by Chairman Handeen.
Motion approved, unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted this day, October 21, 2021

Mike Groshong
Board Clerk