



West Virginia Academy, Ltd.

Meeting Minutes

Governing Board Meeting

January 19, 2023 | 7:00pm (EST)

Attending: F.Fidler, C.Hassler, F.Oliverio, J.Treu, S.Dull (via conference call)

I – Approve Meeting Minutes to Prior Meeting(s)

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to approve 11/28/2022 board meeting minutes. F.Fidler seconds.

DISCUSSION: C.Hassler notes some typographical errors.

AMENDED MOTION: C.Hassler moves to Amend minutes to correct some typographical errors where the abbreviation for his name mistakenly uses a “K” rather than a “C”. Amended motion seconded by F.Fidler.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board (as amended).

II – Updates on Legislature and Funding

J.Treu discusses severe cuts to cash disbursements from the WVDE on the basis of (i) a reduction in funding going forward incident to the lower student count of 303 students rather than 394, (ii) a clawback of funds previously disbursed during the Fall, and (iii) a reduction based on students not enrolled in public schools last year (homeschool students, private school students, and students who attended school out of state the prior year). The last category results in a cut of approximately \$450K over six month and we had no notice whatsoever of this severe cut. In fact, the WVDE was aware of it as of some point in November and did not notify us until this last week (2 months later). The WVDE is seeking an appropriation to restore these funds, which they say is typically completed by the legislature within 30 days or so.

III – Transportation Strategy & Discussion

J.Treu discusses bus driver shortage and whether the board can approve a policy permitting a driver with a CDL and passenger endorsement to drive our school buses. Essentially, we’d have drivers with the same certifications as the city bus drivers driving our school buses, but not necessarily with the bus driver certification.

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to permit drivers with a CDL and passenger endorsement/certification to drive school buses for West Virginia Academy. Seconded by C.Hassler.

DISCUSSION: C.Hassler recommends going through workforce WV to identify more bus drivers.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board.

IV – Board Vacancy

General discussion of persons who can fill board vacancies and board terms. J.Treu notes that because we are filling board vacancies, the new member or members would fill the remaining terms of the prior board members.

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to appoint Allison Woods to Board of Directors to fill the vacancy by M.Fuhriman. Seconded by C.Hassler.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board.

Discussion of whether to fill the last vacancy or defer. General agreement to proceed with filling the vacancy with Tristan King. Discussion of whether Tristan King can fill the role as Board Secretary in order to assist with noticing board meeting and taking minutes. General agreement to proceed with this action expressed by board members and so J.Treu calls for a motion.

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to appoint Tristan King to Board of Directors to fill the vacancy by S.Stewart and to serve as Board Secretary with responsibility over keeping meeting minutes. Seconded by C.Hassler.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board.

F.Oliverio discussion of indoor recreational space. ACF works with these. Senate page (ages 12-17) Dinah.davis@wvsenate.gov (304-357-7919). It's a day, starts at 9:30, kid sits on the floor and runs papers back and forth. Wear a WV Academy blazer with a logo.

V – Other Business

J.Treu notes that the ACF wishes to make a proposal to the board and recognizes ACF officers to make proposal. Officers of the ACF make a proposal to the board for opening a bank account in the name of West Virginia Academy that would be controlled by the ACF officers, but would include an officer of West Virginia Academy. Reports from any and all expenditures including receipts will be provided by the ACF to the West Virginia Academy finance director Suji Kwon. Statements will be mailed to West Virginia Academy each month directly from the bank.

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to permit the ACF to open a bank account in order to conduct ACF activities and fundraising, which account shall have an officer of West Virginia Academy as a signor (initially Roy Boggess) and shall send its statements to West Virginia Academy, and the ACF shall promptly (not later than 30 days) provide full accounting of each expenditure to the West Virginia Academy Finance Director (Suji Kwon) including itemized receipts of any spending. Seconded by F. Fidler.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board.

J.Treu notes that families are requesting the upcoming academic calendar and proposes that the Board delegate authority to the officers to complete the calendar. F.Oliverio suggests they create a preliminary/draft that can be circulated and then the board can formally approve the calendar in the next meeting. Board members express general agreement with this approach and J.Treu calls for a motion.

MOTION: F.Oliverio moves to direct officers to create and post preliminary draft of next year's academic calendar, subject to final approval at the following board meeting. Seconded by C.Hassler.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: Motion is unanimously approved by the governing board.

[Minutes approved on 3/16/2023]