

OKLAHOMA VIRTUAL CHARTER ACADEMY Regular Board Meeting
February 15, 2018 6:30 pm
Location: Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy Board Meeting Room
1160 S Douglas Blvd
Midwest City, OK 73130

Meeting called to order at 6:28pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Board Members: Terry Hopper, Pam Lowe, Heather Reed

Others: Sheryl Tatum, David Harp, Steve Huff, Courtney Love, Tina Littell, Todd Thorpe, Heather Miles, Audra Plummer, Andrew Ordovery, Bill Hickman

II. Call to the public

None

III. Consideration and possible approval of minutes of November 9, 2018 OVCA Board regular meeting

Action: Pam Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th board meeting as presented. Heather Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Updates

a. Board President Update

None

b. Treasurer's Report

Discussion: David Harp gave the January treasurer's report summary.

c. Head of School Update

i. Activity Fund Report

Activity Fund Discussion: There have been a few fund raisers, such as box tops and t-shirt sales.

Discussion: Sheryl Tatum shared that the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board recently did a research study about virtual schools. The research found that students typically enroll in virtual schools for one of two options: either that the student had been bullied or felt unsafe at their brick and mortar school or because the family wanted the enrichment, family support, and safety of the virtual option. Families who responded to survey stated that they felt that their student was more engaged than they were in their brick and mortar school. Lack of social opportunities was reported as one of the biggest weaknesses. They also reported that it is sometimes difficult to learn the online platform.

OVCA has been working towards accreditation through Advanc-Ed. It is an optional accreditation that focuses on the school's strengths and weaknesses. Through the Advanc-Ed accreditation process they call out things that are unique to the school and identify areas of improvement. The official report has not come out yet. Sheryl Tatum will share more after receiving the official report.

d. Principal Update: Progress toward School Improvement Goals, Sandra Powell, MS Principal

Discussion: Sandra Powell shared a review of progress towards MS school improvement goals. The site priorities were to increase the number of students scoring proficient on the math state assessment, particularly in 8th grade, students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA state assessment, and for family satisfaction. A sub-goal was to increase the pass rate in math. The pass rate has increased from 65.4% to 80.3%. MS teachers have focused on building

relationships with their students. Combining flexibility with adaptability to create a unique, challenging and effective learning experience for every student. State assessments are held in April and scores will not be released until months afterwards, so it is too early to determine if the other goals were met.

e. Board Training: SOLO Framework and Growth Mindset, Andrew Ordover, K12VP Academic Services

Discussion: Andrew Ordover shared a little about the team that he works with in Herndon, Virginia, which is called the TEACH 360 team. The team's mission is to develop a culture of excellence around teachers, enhance the K12 teachers' experience and practice, and to employ the best teachers around. The Teach 360 team is trying to develop a sense of community within schools and across all K12 managed schools. His team is also focused on training, professional development, and coaching efforts on improving the quality of live instruction. K12 has also entered a partnership with Southern New Hampshire University to offer collaborative research, professional development modules, micro-certification, and a master's degree program.

V. Business

a. Consent Docket

- i. Consideration and possible approval of FY 2018 purchase orders #209-247**
- ii. Consideration and possible approval of change order to purchase order 2018-11-208**
- iii. Consideration and possible approval of payment of FY 18 K12 invoices**

Action: Heather Reed made a motion to approve the consent docket as presented. Terry Hopper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and possible approval of revised 2017 Activity fund subaccounts to include Gifted/Talented Activity Fund

Action: Pam Lowe made a motion to approve the addition of a Gifted/Talented subaccount to the Activity Fund. Heather Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and possible approval of Jenkins & Kemper, CPAs, P.C. for the FY 18 school financial audit

Action: Heather Reed made a motion to select Jenkins & Kemper as the financial auditor for FY 18. Pam Lowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and possible approval of FY 18 Supplemental Appropriations

Discussion: OVCA received a bump in the mid-year allocation due to the way virtual schools are funded.

Action: Pam Lowe made a motion to approve the FY Supplemental Appropriations. Heather Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consideration and possible approval of revision to FY 18 budget

Discussion: Sheryl Tatum, OVCA HOS, proposed that the OVCA board discuss the budget every year during the February meeting. The budget approved in May for the following year is based on projections.

Action: Heather Reed made a motion to approve the FY 18 budget. Pam Lowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Consideration and possible approval of school calendar for school year 2018-2019

Action: Heather Reed made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar. Pam Lowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Consideration and possible approval of revision to OVCA Board Policy 3050: Residency

Action: Pam Lowe made a motion to approve the revision to the OVCA Residency Policy. Heather Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Discussion of revision to OVCA Board Policy 3010: Attendance

Discussion: Bill Hickman, OVCA Board Attorney, discussed the OK law regarding attendance for virtual schools. The attendance law is based on quarterly attendance. Sheryl Tatum will present revisions to the attendance policy at the April board meeting for possible approval.

i. Discussion of revision to OVCA Board Policy 3100: Truancy

Discussion: Bill Hickman explained that the truancy policy works in conjunction with the Attendance Policy. OVCA will continue to review the data to determine an appropriate number of required assignments/CC sessions. Sheryl Tatum will present revisions to the truancy policy at the April board meeting for possible approval.

j. Executive Session:

Heather and Terry

- i. Discussion and possible action to convene into executive session for the purpose of engaging in confidential communications with legal counsel pursuant to 25 O.S. §307.B.4 concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.**
- ii. Board acknowledges return to open session; and**
- iii. Executive session minutes compliance statement.**

The board went into executive session. Present were Audra Plummer, Sheryl Tatum, Bill Hickman, and the board members. There was no action taken and no motion made.

VI. New business

None

Adjournment

Pam Lowe made the motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Heather Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.