

Minutes

Organizational Board Meeting of the Online School of Arizona Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm MST
Location: To be conducted via Zoom conference

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Item 1: Call to Order / Roll Call

Erin Albert called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. MST

Board Member	Present	Absent
Erin Albert - President	x	
Laura Hatton – Vice President/Treasurer	x	
Paul Mendoza – Secretary	x	

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Item 3: Statement of Purpose

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

- Introduction of Cathy Sproul, OSA staff member

Item 4: Regular Business

- Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Erin Albert to approve the Agenda.

Motion: Erin Albert

Second: Laura Hatton

Ayes: 3

Opposed: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Public Comments on Agenda Items - None
- Correspondence - None

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- Approval of the Minutes
Motion by Erin Albert to approve the September 29, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Erin Albert

Second: Paul Mendoza

Ayes: 3

Opposed: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Financial Update
Travis Gostinger from NextLvl Management Consulting informed the board that he planned for Aspire Business Consultants to attend the meeting. They do not have the financial reports that we will start to have. Everything has been tracked appropriately for the school. We would like to update the board on a change with receiving revenue for the school. Our previous payments have been based on estimated enrollment counts. That switched beginning of October and it goes off your actual student count and attendance for the November payment. PowerSchool student database and state system have not worked together. We hired a PowerSchool consultant to help us correct that and we found that there were a couple of challenges. The implementation of PowerSchool was not done correctly. The 2nd thing is that the data taken from Schools PLP for attendance was not flowing through properly to PowerSchool. We brought on a consultant to help us. The state gave us an extension of a week to process that. Unfortunately, we were unable to fix all of those errors within that week. We were recommended to another group. They were a tremendous help and we are all set for the next submission but we did not receive the submission in the correct amount of time to receive a November State Aid payment. NextLvl will continue to cover the expenses the way we currently have. Erin inquired if we are able to apply for back payment. Travis replied that we will receive funding for all of that, but it will be delayed.

Item 5: Leadership Update

- Administration Update

School Update from Executive Director, Mitch Horlick. Overall enrollment applications are at 140. Currently, we have 102 active students with 4 in the que waiting for their transcripts. Our goal has been to get 2 enrollments per week to offset the melt from students who did not engage at all. The past 6 days we have gotten 5 new enrollments. That brings me to what we are doing for engagement. We get paid based on the time students are doing the work.

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Currently, a little more than half of our students are fully engaged. They are putting in the minutes and completing all of the assignments. The other half fall into the range of partially engaged or fully disengaged. Our Registrar, Megan and I have launched an operation called Operation 2nd Chance. It is a campaign to get anyone who hasn't logged in engaged. This relieved the teachers so they can focus on students and their coursework. We've made some progress. Dr. Wood has led Wednesday Student Engagement Meetings. Our teachers, principal, registrar and I talk about the engagement numbers. We discuss what we can do better and discuss challenges. We are adding another hour of this on Fridays to discuss each student specifically. We are trying everything we can to get the students engaged. I wanted to discuss our Advisory Model. We have broken it into thirds. Our Principal is bilingual so he has been working with the Spanish speaking students. Starting next month, we are kicking off a motivational speaker series on zoom. He is a class A golf pro named Ben McGregor. He has a great story about perseverance. His first is talk about winning the day. This will be a perfect talk for our students. Further discussion commenced.

- **Management Company Update**
Travis Gostinger and Mitch Horlick updated the board on the facility with pictures. The floor tiles are coming in this week. Plumbing the beginning of next week. We will have workstations for all of our students. Dr. Wood discussed how the school is progressing nicely and some boards meeting every other month rather than monthly. If we do decide to meet every other month, we would provide a board update on the off month. If you agree we will include it on next month's agenda with a resolution printed for you. Erin supports this. Paul and Laura agree.

Item 6: Board Strategy and Planning

Item 7: Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Item 8: Adjournment

Motion by Erin Albert to adjourn the board meeting at 6:35pm MST.

Motion: Erin Albert

Second: Laura Hatton

Ayes: 3 Opposed: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Secretary Signature _____

Date 10/28/2021

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