

**Oregon Virtual Academy
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: 6/14/2021
Note Taker: Trisha Wick

Participants:

Voting Board Member: Barry Jahn, Myk Herndon, Paul Tannahill, Franklin Roberts, Megan Trow, MJ Sandall

ORVA Academic Team Members: Melissa Hausmann, Kerry Foley, Jamie Stiles, Chelsea Gill, Ashley Smithy, Tiffany Folsom

K12 Regional Team:

Call to Order @ 12:01

Agenda Item: Public Comments	
Discussion: <p>Hannah Hart appreciates the opportunity to speak. On behalf of the organization committee of OEU. Mrs. Hart wants it to be clear that they respect and value all The Board and recognize the improvements and hard work that all have done for ORVA. As this process develops Mrs. Hart hopes The Board will continue with their board positions and will be excited to work the union. The formation of the union is not a personal attack it is a belief that a teacher's union is a beneficial and vital part of a school's make up. With the decision of becoming a self-managed school the teachers at ORVA decided now is the time to become a union. Mrs. Hart assures unionizing is the only way to improve our school for students. Over 80% of staff state their support for this union. Mrs. Hart does not wish this to be an adversarial process and asks that The Board believe the value this will bring to ORVA.</p> <p>Natalie Lintner wanted to Thank the board for allowing teachers to share their voice and wanted to discuss the turnover she has seen in the past few years. The turnover rate directly impacts the students. Those who are within the union plan on staying because the vision for ORVA is that it'll be a school that attracts the best teachers and will be viewed as a premiered virtual school in Oregon. Because the union feels the board shares the same views that is why they have formed Oregon Educators United.</p> <p>Ally Fisher wants to re-iterate a couple thing's Hannah Hart has discussed. On June 4th a letter was sent with having 80% of teacher's who wish to form a union OEU. The union was formed for positive opportunity for the students, the board and ORVA's future as well as the educators. Mrs. Fisher states that the union see's moving to an election as an opportunity. A petition has been filed with the National Labor Relations Board to hold an election for the union. Mrs. Fisher asks for The Board's support to avoid legal delay or objection and ensuring teachers can talk amongst themselves about a decision to become a union without discussion or influence. Mrs. Fisher would appreciate if The Board would not use funds or resources that would be better spent on the students or school to influence or persuade the decision to unionize. Mrs. Fisher is calling on The Board to reach stipulations without delay to form a union.</p>	

Agenda Item: Executive Session	
Discussion: <p>The Board will be meeting in Executive Session to consider records exemption from disclosure (attorney client privileged communications) pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)." Myk Herndon states there is nothing to report.</p>	

Agenda Item: Consent Agenda Items	
Discussion: Myk Herndon would like to add two action items to the agenda. First to approve contracts with Learning Solutions for Summer School and approve a contract with Charter School Management Systems for accounting services. Franklin Roberts would like to add an additional action item as well.	
Action Item: Retain Goldberg law firm to represent ORVA	
Discussion: Franklin Roberts makes a motion to retain the law firm of Goldberg to represent ORVA regarding the process for complying with the requirements of the National Labor Relations board in the response of the filing of a petition filed by the Oregon Virtual Academy Educators United to represent certain ORVA teachers and to further authorize Barry Jahn to sign necessary and appropriate documents to retain Goldberg and for Barry, Franklin and Myk to work with council to prepare the appropriate documents to comply with the Nation Labor Relations board requirements. Mr. Herndon seconds the motion. All in favor none opposed. Motion passes.	
Action Item: Learning Solutions for Summer School	
Discussion: Myk Herndon would like to make a motion to approve with Learning Solutions which provides tuition costs for Summer School as well as support for SpED. MJ seconds the motion. All in favor none opposed. Motion passes.	
Action Item: Approve contract with Charter School Management Systems for accounting services	
Discussion: Myk Herndon states the contract needs to be implemented now in order for the transition to take place by July 1, 2021. Paul Tannahill seconds the motion. All in favor none opposed. The motion passes.	

Meeting adjourned @ 1:54 pm