# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOL-MESA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that Noah Webster Schools-Mesa, an Arizona non-profit corporation, will hold a meeting open to the public on March 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Noah Webster Schools Corporate offices at 5399 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

After commencement of the public meeting at 4:30 p.m., at any time during such meeting the Governing Board may call for an Executive Session(s) for, but not limited to, the following purpose(s):

Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body, (1) A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

Dated this the day of March, 2019.

A copy of the agenda for the public meeting is included with this notice.

March 4, 2019

### CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted in the office of Noah Webster Schools-Mesa and on the school's website on March 4, 2019 in accordance with the statement filed by Noah Webster Schools-Mesa with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Dated this Held day of March, 2019\_.

Vicki Dry, Secretary

# AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING OF NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS-MESA March 7, 2019 4:30 P.M.

Held at
Noah Webster Schools
Pima Campus- Corporate Conference Room
5399 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

- 1. Call to Order
- Expulsion Hearing
- Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board Meeting
- 4. Specific Matters to be Considered
  - Principal Report
    - o 2019 Academic Benchmarks to Date
    - o 2020 Updates and Changes
  - Financial Reports for Period Ending 12/31/2019
- 3. Announcements and Adjournment

Announcements of the next meeting date

Dated this	da	y of	2019	
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NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - MESA

Chairperson

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF NOAH WEBSTER SCHOOLS - MESA January 8, 2019

Held at
Noah Webster Schools
Pima Corporate Conference Room
5399 N. Pima Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Tomasson, Sharon Miller, RonRico Miller, BJ Pennington, Teresa Wales

**DIRECTORS ABSENT: None** 

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Vicki Dry, Secretary, Jennifer Pennington, Robert Rodenbaugh, Jessica Friedermann, Tara Bittinger, Debbie Muhlestein

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Noah Webster Schools-Mesa, an Arizona non-profit corporation (the "Corporation" or the "School"), was held in the school's IT Room at 5399 N. Pima Rd, Scottsdale, Arizona at 4:30 p.m. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, the meeting was called to order.

### 1. Call to Order

### Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Director R. Miller to approve the minutes for the meeting as presented. Director BJ Pennington seconded the motion.

Director Tomasson, Director Pennington, Director Wales, Director R. Miller, and Director S. Miller all voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

### 3. Principal Report

Principal Jessica Friedermann provided the Board with copies of Galileo Data Reports produced by The Center for Student Achievement and Mid-Year Benchmark Comparison Data compiled in-house. Discussions with Debbie Muhlestein, the school's Title I Director and Testing Coordinator explained changes to the testing protocol that had been implemented prior to the last benchmark test. She also explained the teacher training and additional support that was given to ensure more accurate testing and therefore more reliable data. Grade level data for both Math and ELA was reviewed. The Board requested that they be provided individual class data in addition to the cumulative grade level data in the future. D. Muhlestein was asked to explain how the Schoolwide Title I program differs from Targeted Assisted and how she sees that benefiting the students. She explained the Federal Requirements and how they differ. She informed the Board that this was very beneficial because of her Departments ability to help a wider range of students and not have to have such a defined focus.

Principal Friedermann than discussed current teacher staffing including the number of teachers currently on intensive mentoring programs, the number on written improvement plans and the number who have quit or been terminated. She indicated that we currently have no vacancies and all classroom teaching spots are filled.

Principal Friedermann provided the Board with a summary of the number of students with extreme needs and the number of students with offsite placements. The financial requirements of the offsite placement facility were discussed.

Declining enrollment was discussed in conjunction with the withdrawal report. It was explained that the school has started re-enrollment and new enrollment for the 19-20 school year earlier than in previous years and is focusing on specific areas for marketing.

### 4. Review and Approval of Updated ESS Policies and Procedures

Ms. Dry presented the Board with Policies & Procedures that were updated by the Arizona Department of Education to align with State and Federal ESS guidelines. Although the majority of these policies and procedures are currently followed by Noah Webster as best practice we need to formally discuss and adopt the policies with the included updates. For purposes of a clearer review, all policy amendments were marked for specific comparison of the change or addition. The Board discussed the changes and how they would apply to our current operations. After discussions, a motion was made by Director S. Miller and seconded by Director BJ Pennington.

Director Tomasson, Director R. Miller, Director Wales, Director Pennington and Director S. Miller all voted in favor of approving the Policies & Procedures as presented.

### 5. Final Standard & Poors Rating Report

Ms. Dry provided the Board with copies of the Standard & Poors Published Global Rating for the Noah Webster Companies for 2018 as well as the Annual Investor Management Report. She indicated that S & P Global Ratings affirmed its 'BB' rating, with a stable outlook, on Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona's charter school revenue and revenue refunding debt, issued for Noah Webster Schools. The Board discussed the rating and the information contained in the provided report. Ms. Dry informed the Board that this document had already been forwarded to the Trustee for posting to EMMA.

### 6. Announcements

The next Board meeting will be set at a future date.

# 7. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Vicki Dry, Secretary