

**Oregon Virtual Academy  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 7/13/2021  
**Note Taker:** Trisha Wick

**Participants:**

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

ORVA Academic Team Members: Jamie Stiles, Kerry Foley, Chelsea Gill, Ashley Smithey, Melinda Kramer, Stephanie Martin

K12 Regional Team:

Call to Order @ 6:31 pm

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Approval of Agenda	
<b>Discussion:</b> No changes were made to the Agenda	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Public Comments	
<b>Discussion:</b> Jane Rice would like to speak on behalf of Oregon Educators United (OEU) and would like to congratulate the new Executive Director, Jamie Stiles. Mrs. Rice looks forward to working together and making ORVA the best virtual option in Oregon. Madison Jackson is happy to speak to the Board as a proud educator as well as Oregon Educators United. Mrs. Jackson would like to talk about the previous colleagues & friends that are not returning to ORVA. Their service is recognized, and it is a great loss to families and to the school. When the Veteran teachers leave, they take that knowledge with them. This is one of the reasons that the OEU is looking forward to having a bargaining relationship with the Board. OEU hopes to bargain a contract will provide stability & policy ORVA teachers need and deserve. One of the primary goals of OEU will be to provide improved teachers retention.	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Filing Confirmation and Notice of Election	
<b>Discussion:</b> No changes and no questions regarding election date	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Tech Committee Update	
<b>Discussion:</b> Myk Herndon shares the David Spitzer went to the Admin office in North Bend to replace the network appliance. In the process Mr. Spitzer noticed several things still need to be done. The server is original equipment and is running Microsoft Office 2008 which is no longer supported. A couple of hard drives in the machine were blinking red lights (danger lights if you will) so Mr. Herndon has authorized Mr. Spitzer to put together a proposal to replace that along with several other things in order to bring the office up to speed and Mr. Spitzer will present that at the upcoming Board Meeting. Barry Jahn talks about the number of computers that have been ordered and shipped and Admin and Teachers that have been teaching Summer school have received their	

new devices. Jamie Stiles confirms that the first batch went out to Admin and a second batch will go out the week of 7/13/2021 to Summer school teachers and staff. There will be a third batch that will go out since Spitzer Tech is making sure that teachers are home to accept the delivery since a signature is required so computers aren't left on porches considering teachers and staff take vacation during July.

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Executive Director Report	
<b>Discussion:</b> Jamie Stiles shares Executive Director <a href="#">Report</a> . Mrs. Stiles discusses enrollment for SY 21-22. Barry Jahn shares that Spencer McLennan is working aggressively on the social media side to give us the presence and would like to know how that is going. Mrs. Stiles shares that the process has begun since he needed access to certain things like the domain to open new accounts. Jamie discusses Summer school as well as acknowledging the work that Kerry Foley & Elyse Hansen for running a stellar program. Jamie also provided an update on Charter School Business Management which handles ORVA's financial transition. Barry Jahn explains to the Board that CSBM is a great first step in transition for chart of accounts and basic things over. Once that is established the Board will look into a more robust package for future. Mrs. Stiles & Mr. Jahn Thank Myk Herndon for all his extra time. Jamie Stiles discusses Media and Marketing for oregonvirtual.org for our domain and August F2F. Barry Jahn discusses the potential of doing the Board meeting at F2F.	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Consent Items: Meeting Minutes 6/22/2021 – Staffing Update	
<b>Discussion:</b> Jamie Stiles shares a list of ORVA's departures and resignation. Barry Jahn explains that he has never seen a list like this in his years at ORVA. Mr. Jahn also shares a letter of resignation from Heather Colbert. Mrs. Colbert's letter requests the Board to release her from her 21-22 SY contract. She is resigning for personal and professional reasons to protect her mental health due to the changes over the past few months. Mrs. Colbert does not feel safe or respected by some members of our staff. Mrs. Colbert has experienced and witnessed harassment. Heather has been one of the longest teaching teachers at ORVA and she thought she would retire but she no longer feels welcome by some members of our staff which became apparent after speaking at a Board meeting in June. I received negative social posts and was bullied by an unknown staff member through a mean text from an unknown number. Mrs. Colbert has an invested interest in this school and despite what has happened still plans to have her son attend ORVA. Mr. Jahn says she will be dearly missed. Mrs. Stiles confirms there are no other letters to be shared. Two new permanent hires to the elementary team and twelve internal and transitional staff members all internally. A couple new positions such as Dean of Students at each grade level, High School Assistant Principal and Student Activities Coordinator and some defined roles in Special Education department as well. MJ Sandall requested more information about the assistant high school principal position. Jamie Stiles said that will be Elyse Hansen since she has shown so much care for staff and students. She will be stepping in the role August 1 <sup>st</sup> . Chelsea shares update about her two staff members. Barry Jahn says it is important for the Board to get letters of resignation to know why the staff are leaving.	
<b>Action:</b> Franklin Roberts makes a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. Paul Tannahill Seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed. Motion passes.	

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:15 pm