



Special Session Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2022

Note Taker: Nicolle Hansen

Participants:

Voting Board Member: Franklin Roberts, Myk Herndon, & Emily Dray

ORVA Academic Team Members: Jamie Stiles, Rebecca Chitkowski, Caitlin Klenz, Mindy Kramer, Stephanie Martin, Leanne Moll, & Ashley Smithey

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Call to Order at 6:04 PM

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda	
Discussion: The agenda was approved.	

Agenda Item: Executive Session	
Discussion: The ORVA Board of Directors met in executive session to consider records exempt from disclosure (attorney-client privileged communications) pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)	

Agenda Item: Discuss & Approve change of school name to Evergreen Virtual Academy	
Discussion: Jamie Stiles explains what the process will entail amidst the pending transition. Jamie states that the school name, acronym, and logo will be changed – extensive marketing research was done by Mambo Media to aid in the final selection and the Admin team brainstormed possible options regarding the changes of the school. The new name for staff to vote on was narrowed down to Evergreen VA, Pacific Crest VA, & Sunstone VA; Evergreen Virtual Academy was the winning option. Myk Herndon voices concerns that there might be confusion or legalities due to the Evergreen SD in Vancouver, WA as well as the name 'Virtual Academy' being derived from the K12/Stride company. Jamie shares the determining factors in the decision of maintaining the name Virtual Academy: due to popular search terms and what individuals are looking for, the word 'virtual' is the preferred term for this type of schooling, rather than 'online' or 'distance learning'; a lot of online schools in Oregon use the word 'academy' as opposed to 'school' or 'education'.	
Action: Myk Herndon makes a motion to change the name of the school from Oregon Virtual Academy to Evergreen Virtual Academy. Emily Dray seconds the motion. All are in favor, none opposed. The motion passes.	

Agenda Item: Discuss & Approve contract with StrongMind, Inc. for curriculum & related services	
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Discussion:

Jamie Stiles shares that StrongMind (the provider that won the Competitive Bidding Process) presented a contract to ORVA & ORVA attorneys. Administration went through the contract, responding with some revisions. The revised version of the contract was then sent to the members of the board for review.

Action:

Myk Herndon makes a motion to approve authorized ORVA Board, staff, and legal counsel to finalize the terms of a contract with StrongMind for curriculum and related services; revisions to the agreement, should there be any, are to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at a meeting to be called for such purpose. Emily Dray seconds this motion. All are in favor, none opposed. The motion passes.

Agenda Item:

Possible action items based on issues discussed in executive session relating to Online Educational Products & Services Agreement with Fuel Education LLC

Discussion:

No action item for discussion from executive session.

Action:

No action taken or motion to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM