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<p>1 the Chair's discretion. And then at any time during</p> <p>2 the proceedings questions can be asked to the</p> <p>3 Educator or to the PLSB's attorney; also, could've</p> <p>4 been asked of Ms. Avance or Avance's attorney if she</p> <p>5 had been here.</p> <p>6 And following the hearing this board must make</p> <p>7 three decisions, and it's best if you take these in</p> <p>8 three separate motions. The first is whether you --</p> <p>9 you need to make Findings of Fact, and what that</p> <p>10 means is you need to determine whether you agree with</p> <p>11 the Ethics Hearing Subcommittee's findings with --</p> <p>12 concerning the facts of this case; second, if you</p> <p>13 agree with the facts underlying the decision you must</p> <p>14 determine whether, based upon those facts, you agree</p> <p>15 that Ms. Avance violated Standard 1, Standard 2, or</p> <p>16 both, of the Code of Ethics; and finally, if you</p> <p>17 determine that Ms. Avance violated Standard 1,</p> <p>18 Standard 2, or both, you then must decide whether you</p> <p>19 agree with the penalty that was imposed in this case</p> <p>20 -- with the sanction imposed in this case, which was,</p> <p>21 again, revocation and a fine.</p> <p>22 And if there are no questions, I will turn the</p> <p>23 floor over to Amy Douglas.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you, Ms. Freno.</p> <p>25 Appreciate it.</p>	<p>1 some."</p> <p>2 Ms. Avance has shown disregard for the</p> <p>3 importance of this process or the importance of her</p> <p>4 teaching license, as she is not even here today. The</p> <p>5 PLSB is asking you to uphold the recommendation and</p> <p>6 the sanction and permanently revoke her license.</p> <p>7 If there's any questions, I'll answer those now.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We'll start with Dr. Hill.</p> <p>9 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>11 DR. RANKIN: No questions.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>13 DR. MOORE: Yes. So is it that she requested to</p> <p>14 appeal to this today?</p> <p>15 MS. DOUGLAS: Absolutely.</p> <p>16 DR. MOORE: Okay. So if she hadn't requested</p> <p>17 that appeal it would've gone through without our</p> <p>18 approval?</p> <p>19 MS. DOUGLAS: It would've gone on the Consent</p> <p>20 Agenda.</p> <p>21 DR. MOORE: Okay. So, and did she indicate that</p> <p>22 she was coming?</p> <p>23 MS. DOUGLAS: She does not respond to our</p> <p>24 messages other than to say she rejects the sanction,</p> <p>25 which allows her to continue to stay in the classroom</p>
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<p>1 Morning.</p> <p>2 MS. DOUGLAS: Good morning.</p> <p>3 So under our rules an educator, once they -- a</p> <p>4 recommendation has been made through the Evidentiary</p> <p>5 Hearing Panel, they can reject that recommendation</p> <p>6 and request State Board review. Ms. Avance was</p> <p>7 recommended for permanent revocation on the very</p> <p>8 first level, at the Ethics Subcommittee. She</p> <p>9 rejected that, requested an evidentiary hearing. On</p> <p>10 the date of her evidentiary hearing she did not</p> <p>11 contact our office. We in fact contacted her at the</p> <p>12 time of her hearing, and she declined, to say that</p> <p>13 she would not show up, that she just had been</p> <p>14 avoiding our emails because she just didn't want to</p> <p>15 deal with it. So at that time we gave her even the</p> <p>16 option to appear via Zoom, if she would like to ask</p> <p>17 the board for a different date; she declined to do</p> <p>18 so.</p> <p>19 We put on evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing</p> <p>20 that at one point she was propositioned for sex by a</p> <p>21 student and that she admitted to telling that student</p> <p>22 "we'll see; let's wait till after you graduate and</p> <p>23 we'll see." She also admitted to sending the same</p> <p>24 student the following message: "If my friend doesn't</p> <p>25 come over tonight, will you come over? I want to get</p>	<p>1 --</p> <p>2 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>3 MS. DOUGLAS: -- until a decision is made.</p> <p>4 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>5 MS. DOUGLAS: And so, because the State Board</p> <p>6 carries the final decision-making on that she has</p> <p>7 been able to remain in the classroom at this time.</p> <p>8 DR. MOORE: And she understood that this would</p> <p>9 be the final --</p> <p>10 MS. DOUGLAS: Yes, she did.</p> <p>11 DR. MOORE: Okay. So, certainly a very sticky</p> <p>12 situation. But if she's not here we can't go into it</p> <p>13 then.</p> <p>14 MS. DOUGLAS: Right.</p> <p>15 DR. MOORE: Thank you.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Newton?</p> <p>17 MS. NEWTON: (shaking head from side to side.)</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>19 MS. McFETRIDGE: No.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>21 MR. SUTTON: No questions.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers?</p> <p>23 MS. CHAMBERS: No.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Lookadoo?</p> <p>25 MR. LOOKADOO: (shaking head from side to side.)</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. If there are no 2 questions, then we are ready for a motion. 3 Thank you, Ms. Douglas. 4 (COURT REPORTER'S NOTE: Ms. Freno walks up to 5 the podium.) 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: I'm sorry. 7 MS. FRENO: No. And again, Ms. Dean, I just 8 wanted to point out that this -- 9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Right. 10 MS. FRENO: -- is probably best taken as a three 11 -- 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: As three, yes. 13 MS. FRENO: -- level motion situation, with the 14 first being the Finding, whether the Board concurs 15 with the Finding of Facts of the Ethics Hearing 16 Subcommittee. 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes. Thank you for the 18 reminder. I wrote it down. 19 Let's take this in three parts. Let's start 20 with the Findings. We will take a motion on whether 21 or not we agree with the Finding of Facts from the 22 PLSB. 23 MR. SUTTON: Motion to accept the findings. 24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to accept the 25 findings, from Mr. Sutton.</p>	<p>1 And the final motion that we're looking for is 2 whether or not we agree with the penalty that is 3 recommended by the PLSB for revocation of license and 4 a \$500 fine, I believe. 5 MR. SUTTON: Motion to accept the recommendation 6 of the PLSB. 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to accept the 8 recommendation, by Mr. Sutton. 9 Do we have a second? 10 DR. RANKIN: I'll second. 11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin. 12 Do we have any discussion? 13 No discussion. 14 All in favor say "aye." 15 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 17 Seeing none, the motion passes. 18 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Douglas, on that one. 19 VI.2: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NOMINATED 20 MEMBERS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD TO 21 REPLACE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE VACANT OR EXPIRING JUNE 30, 22 2021 23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: So the next one that we have is 24 Case Number 21-108. No, I'm sorry; excuse me. One 25 moment, please.</p>
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<p>1 Do we have a second? 2 DR. HILL: Second. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Hill. 4 Any discussion? 5 Okay. If no discussion, then all in favor say 6 "aye." 7 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 9 Seeing none, that motion passes. 10 Okay. And then the second one is whether or not 11 we agree with the determination of the violation of 12 Standard 1 or Standard 2, or both. 13 MS. NEWTON: I move that the educator violated 14 Standard 1 and Standard 2. 15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion that 16 determines that the educator violated Standards 1 and 17 2, by Ms. Newton. 18 MR. SUTTON: Second. 19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Mr. Sutton. 20 Do we have any discussion? 21 If there's no discussion, then all in favor say 22 "aye." 23 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 25 Seeing none, that motion passes.</p>	<p>1 All right. Ms. Karli Saracini, Consideration of 2 Request for Approval of Nominated Members for the 3 PLSB -- PLSB Board to Replace Members Whose Terms are 4 Vacant or Expiring on June 30th. Welcome. 5 MS. SARACINI: Good morning, Chair, Secretary 6 Key, and Members of the Board. 7 And we are going to miss you both, Ms. Chambers 8 and our wonderful Teacher of the Year, and you know 9 that. 10 This morning I'm here to ask for the approval of 11 the recommendations to two members of our PLSB board. 12 And one of those members is currently on there. I 13 brought this person back in the spring to finish out 14 another term, and they have re-recommended her, and 15 that's Dr. Nita Bohannon. And she is at UAPB and she 16 is representing our institutions of higher ed. 17 Ms. Dean, do we need to take these separate? 18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: (Shaking head from side to 19 side.) 20 MS. SARACINI: Okay. So the -- 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Oh -- 22 MS. SARACINI: Or can we -- 23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yeah, that's fine. We can take 24 them together. 25 MS. SARACINI: Together?</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yeah, that's fine.</p> <p>2 MS. SARACINI: Okay. All right.</p> <p>3 So the other one is Dr. Greg Murry was</p> <p>4 representing our Superintendents for AAEEA. And he is</p> <p>5 retiring from education this year, so of course he</p> <p>6 retired from our board. And we are recommending --</p> <p>7 Dr. Hernandez is recommending Dr. Harold Jeffcoat to</p> <p>8 take his place on the board.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p> <p>10 MS. SARACINI: And then we have one more: Dr.</p> <p>11 Sheena Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Searcy</p> <p>12 School District has been nominated for a second term</p> <p>13 for AAEEA as well, for the Supervision and Curriculum</p> <p>14 Development.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. So we have Dr. Harold</p> <p>16 Jeffcoat, Dr. Nita Bohannon, and Sheena Williamson?</p> <p>17 MS. SARACINI: Yes.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Thank you.</p> <p>19 So we've heard the recommendations. What is the</p> <p>20 will of the Board?</p> <p>21 DR. MOORE: Move to approve.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion to</p> <p>23 approve, by Dr. Sarah Moore.</p> <p>24 Do I have a second?</p> <p>25 MS. CHAMBERS: Second.</p>	<p>1 District.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning.</p> <p>3 DR. EDGIN: Good morning.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thanks for being here.</p> <p>5 Okay. So do we have -- we'll start with any</p> <p>6 questions. We'll start with Mr. Lookadoo.</p> <p>7 MR. LOOKADOO: No questions.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Ms. Chambers?</p> <p>9 MS. CHAMBERS: No.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>11 MR. SUTTON: No.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>13 MS. MCFETRIDGE: No questions.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>15 DR. MOORE: No.</p> <p>16 MS. NEWTON: (shaking head from side to side.)</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>18 DR. RANKIN: No questions.</p> <p>19 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Do you have anything that</p> <p>21 you wanted to add?</p> <p>22 DR. EDGIN: I do not.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right.</p> <p>24 DR. EDGIN: Thank you.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Then we'll look for a motion.</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Chambers.</p> <p>2 Any discussion?</p> <p>3 Seeing none, the motion -- oh, sorry.</p> <p>4 All in favor say "aye."</p> <p>5 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>7 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>8 Thank you --</p> <p>9 MS. SARACINI: Thank you.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: -- Ms. Saracini.</p> <p>11 VI.3: CONSIDERATION OF ONE-YEAR STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION</p> <p>12 WAIVER REQUEST - ATKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Next we have Ms.</p> <p>14 Tracy Webb on Consideration of One-Year Standards for</p> <p>15 Accreditation Waiver Request for Atkins School</p> <p>16 District.</p> <p>17 Good morning.</p> <p>18 MS. WEBB: Good morning. Tracy Webb, Standards</p> <p>19 for Accreditation.</p> <p>20 The Atkins School District has submitted a</p> <p>21 waiver request for a one-year Standards for</p> <p>22 Accreditation waiver for Teacher Licensure, for a</p> <p>23 science teacher. And I think Ms. Edgin should be</p> <p>24 here in person.</p> <p>25 DR. EDGIN: Hi. Dr. Edgin, Atkins School</p>	<p>1 DR. MOORE: I'll move to approve the waiver</p> <p>2 request.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion to</p> <p>4 approve the waiver request from Dr. Moore.</p> <p>5 Do I have a second?</p> <p>6 DR. RANKIN: I'll second.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin.</p> <p>8 Any discussion?</p> <p>9 Okay. All in favor say "aye."</p> <p>10 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>12 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>13 DR. EDGIN: Thank you.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. Congratulations,</p> <p>15 Atkins School District.</p> <p>16 VI.4: CONSIDERATION OF ONE-YEAR STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION</p> <p>17 WAIVER REQUEST - NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Now we have Newport</p> <p>19 School District.</p> <p>20 MS. WEBB: Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>21 The Newport School District is requesting a one-</p> <p>22 year Standards for Accreditation waiver for Standard</p> <p>23 3-A.6, Board Training Hours for the 2021 school year.</p> <p>24 And Mr. Brett Bunch is on the Zoom if you have</p> <p>25 questions.</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 SUPT. BUNCH: Good morning, Madam Chair, Mr.</p> <p>3 Secretary --</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning, Mr. Bunch.</p> <p>5 SUPT. BUNCH: -- and Board Members. Thank you</p> <p>6 for allowing me to come before you this morning.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome. Thank you for</p> <p>8 joining us.</p> <p>9 Okay. We'll start on this end. Do you have any</p> <p>10 questions, Dr. Hill?</p> <p>11 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>13 DR. RANKIN: No.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>15 DR. MOORE: No.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Newton?</p> <p>17 MS. NEWTON: No.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>19 MS. McFETRIDGE: No.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>21 MR. SUTTON: (shaking head from side to side.)</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers?</p> <p>23 MS. CHAMBERS: No.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Mr. Lookadoo?</p> <p>25 MR. LOOKADOO: No.</p>	<p>1 MS. WEBB: Okay. The Pulaski County Special</p> <p>2 School District is requesting a one-year Standards</p> <p>3 for Accreditation waiver for Standard 3-A.6., Board</p> <p>4 Member Training Hours for the 2021 school year. And</p> <p>5 I think Ms. Shawn Burgess is supposed to be on the</p> <p>6 Zoom.</p> <p>7 MS. BURGESS: Yes. Good morning, Board.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning, Ms. Burgess.</p> <p>9 MS. BURGESS: Shawn Burgess from Pulaski County</p> <p>10 Special School District.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you for joining us today.</p> <p>12 All right. Any questions?</p> <p>13 Seeing none, okay, we'll look for a motion.</p> <p>14 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll make a motion to approve</p> <p>15 this waiver.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion by Ms.</p> <p>17 McFetridge to approve the waiver from Pulaski County</p> <p>18 Special School District.</p> <p>19 Second?</p> <p>20 DR. RANKIN: I'll second.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin.</p> <p>22 Any discussion?</p> <p>23 Okay. All in favor say "aye."</p> <p>24 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. So if we don't have any</p> <p>2 questions, so we'll look for a motion concerning the</p> <p>3 waiver.</p> <p>4 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll make the motion to approve</p> <p>5 this waiver --</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Ms. McFetridge.</p> <p>7 MS. McFETRIDGE: -- for the Newport School</p> <p>8 District.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion to</p> <p>10 approve the waiver for Newport School District, from</p> <p>11 Ms. McFetridge.</p> <p>12 Do we have a second?</p> <p>13 MR. SUTTON: Second.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Mr. Sutton.</p> <p>15 All in favor?</p> <p>16 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>18 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>19 Congratulations, Mr. Bunch and Newport School</p> <p>20 District. Thank you for joining us today.</p> <p>21 SUPT. BUNCH: Thank y'all very much.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome.</p> <p>23 VI.5: CONSIDERATION OF ONE-YEAR STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION</p> <p>24 WAIVER REQUEST - PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Next.</p>	<p>1 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>2 Thank you for joining us, Ms. Burgess, and</p> <p>3 congratulations.</p> <p>4 MS. BURGESS: Thank you. Thank you. Have a</p> <p>5 great day.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You too.</p> <p>7 MS. WEBB: Ready for the next one?</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes.</p> <p>9 VI.6: CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020-2021 FINAL STANDARDS FOR</p> <p>10 ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND</p> <p>11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS</p> <p>12 MS. WEBB: The next item is the approval of the</p> <p>13 Final Accreditation Standards for the 20-21 school</p> <p>14 year. Our rules state that the State Board must --</p> <p>15 I'm sorry -- must review the recommendation for the</p> <p>16 final accreditation status from the Division.</p> <p>17 Attached in your packet were the recommendations.</p> <p>18 And the three statuses of the schools that you just</p> <p>19 approved waivers for will be changed to Accredited.</p> <p>20 So of the 262 districts, 1,050 schools are all</p> <p>21 accredited.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>23 Any questions?</p> <p>24 MS. NEWTON: I don't have a question; I just</p> <p>25 have a comment.</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 MS. NEWTON: I want to compliment all the</p> <p>3 districts and the schools and the Department. During</p> <p>4 this last -- you know, this is fantastic any year.</p> <p>5 But to do it under the circumstances that we had this</p> <p>6 past year, to be able to keep school going and making</p> <p>7 sure students were getting what they needed, and just</p> <p>8 being able to keep that high bar set and not lower</p> <p>9 standards during this past year, it's amazing. And I</p> <p>10 don't want to let the opportunity go by to compliment</p> <p>11 districts and schools and teachers and administrators</p> <p>12 and all of your team here at the Department for the</p> <p>13 amount of work that went into -- go in to it, seeming</p> <p>14 like something that we're just passing over and</p> <p>15 saying, "Yes, you did it." But you did it.</p> <p>16 Congratulations. It's a big deal. So thank you to</p> <p>17 all of you that worked so hard this past year.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY KEY: Madam Chair, if I may add to</p> <p>20 that, I'm glad you paused us for a moment so we could</p> <p>21 stop and reflect on that. You know, my team -- I</p> <p>22 tell my team all the time we don't -- I'm not good at</p> <p>23 celebrating. You know, there's so much work; we</p> <p>24 don't do enough celebrating of our accomplishments.</p> <p>25 This one is a really big accomplishment. And I want</p>	<p>1 job. And this -- there were times this year I didn't</p> <p>2 think we'd get to this point, but we did. So thank</p> <p>3 you for acknowledging that.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes, thank you. Appreciate</p> <p>5 that. It's important to pause and take the time to</p> <p>6 recognize great accomplishments, especially during</p> <p>7 times like these.</p> <p>8 Okay. So with that is -- okay. So with that,</p> <p>9 do we have any other questions or comments?</p> <p>10 Okay. Seeing none, do we have a motion?</p> <p>11 DR. MOORE: I move to approve.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion to</p> <p>13 approve, by Dr. Moore.</p> <p>14 I'm trying.</p> <p>15 Do we have a second?</p> <p>16 MS. CHAMBERS: Second.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Susan Chambers.</p> <p>18 Any more discussion?</p> <p>19 Okay. All in favor say "aye."</p> <p>20 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>22 Seeing none, the motion passes.</p> <p>23 VI.7: 2022-2024 ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL SITE SELECTION</p> <p>24 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Now we are to</p>
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<p>1 to point to one of the things that I think made this</p> <p>2 so much easier this year is our -- I still call it</p> <p>3 "new" Standards for Accreditation system, and Ms.</p> <p>4 Coffman and her team, Arijit Sarkar and his team</p> <p>5 developing this system and changing how we do this;</p> <p>6 changing so that it's not wait till the end of the</p> <p>7 year to see what turns red and, you know, and</p> <p>8 everybody is scrambling to either get it fixed or to</p> <p>9 do overrides or, you know, to rush in here to get</p> <p>10 waivers or -- you know, the waivers that we've had to</p> <p>11 deal with are primarily, again, Covid related. And</p> <p>12 -- but this system that we have now helps us identify</p> <p>13 as we go where the challenges are, where those</p> <p>14 potential pitfalls are, and help districts fix them</p> <p>15 as we go, not waiting until the very end. So, you</p> <p>16 know, we didn't know we were going to deal with this</p> <p>17 when we worked on creating this system. But, Ms.</p> <p>18 Coffman, aren't we glad we have this system now, how</p> <p>19 much easier did it make this year to get us to where</p> <p>20 we are today.</p> <p>21 MS. COFFMAN: (Nodding head up and down.)</p> <p>22 SECRETARY KEY: So, Ms. Newton, thank you for</p> <p>23 acknowledging that; thank you for acknowledging the</p> <p>24 schools and work that they've done.</p> <p>25 Tracy and Deb, Arijit, the whole team, great</p>	<p>1 Arkansas Governor's School Site Selection Committee</p> <p>2 Recommendation. And do we have Ms. Krystal Nail?</p> <p>3 MS. NAIL: Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning and welcome.</p> <p>5 MS. NAIL: Good morning. Crystal Nail, Office</p> <p>6 of Gifted and Talented/Advanced Placement here at</p> <p>7 DESE. And I'm here to share the recommendation for</p> <p>8 the host site for Arkansas Governor's School for 2022</p> <p>9 through 2024.</p> <p>10 The rules governing Arkansas Governor's School</p> <p>11 Site Selection were utilized to guide our process to</p> <p>12 help determine what this committee's recommendation</p> <p>13 was that we're going to present to you today.</p> <p>14 Presidents and Chancellors of all four-year in-</p> <p>15 state Arkansas institutions were invited to submit</p> <p>16 proposals to host Governor's School. We received</p> <p>17 proposals from three institutions: Hendrix College,</p> <p>18 Arkansas Tech University, and Arkansas State</p> <p>19 University. The Site Selection Committee reviewed</p> <p>20 those proposals and conducted site visits to each of</p> <p>21 those three sites. Included in the documents that</p> <p>22 you have with the meeting today are the proposals and</p> <p>23 budgets from each of those sites, as well as a brief</p> <p>24 description of the process that we used to arrive at</p> <p>25 the committee's recommendation.</p>

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<p>1 I'm here; also we have Sandra Johnson, who  2 served as the Site Selection Committee Chair, and  3 Sandy Ragland, the Site Selection Committee Co-Chair.  4 Also joining us for the meeting today are Dr. Robin  5 Lacey, the ATS Director at the current location and  6 also the recommended location of Arkansas Tech; Dr.  7 Jeff Woods, who served as Co-Director of the program  8 at Arkansas Tech; and Dr. Robin Bowen, president of  9 ATU is with us via Zoom, I believe.</p> <p>10 So I'm pleased to present to you the Site  11 Selection Committee's recommendation for the host  12 site for Arkansas Governor's School of 2022 through  13 2024 of Arkansas Tech University. So I'm presenting  14 that to you for your approval.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you.  16 Okay. Do we have any questions or comments?  17 Let's start with Dr. Hill.  18 And thank you all for joining us today;  19 appreciate you being here.  20 DR. HILL: Nothing.  21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. I'm sorry.  22 Dr. Rankin?  23 DR. RANKIN: No questions.  24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Dr. Moore?  25 DR. MOORE: Yes. I would like for you all to</p>	<p>1 present this to us and their vision was strong. And  2 she especially kept commenting to the fact that they  3 hadn't met it yet; you know, they had goals -- and,  4 you know, last year's Covid kind of messed Governor's  5 School up a little bit. They did a great job with  6 that, by the way, but -- and so it was their goals  7 and where they wanted it to go and their vision, they  8 really shared that well with us. That was a strong  9 piece.</p> <p>10 They also included an extra subject area in  11 engineering. That was impressive to us, that we  12 thought would -- kids would really benefit from.  13 Their campus was very -- situated in a way that  14 the kids could traverse the campus well, and so that  15 was a positive thing to us. It felt safe. They had  16 security that was actually with the local police  17 force that worked on the campus with them. That was  18 a strength to us that there was some extra security  19 there.</p> <p>20 Do you want to add some things?  21 This is Sandy Ragland.  22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning, Ms. Ragland.  23 Welcome.  24 MS. RAGLAND: Good morning.  25 Some of the things that I just heard comments</p>
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<p>1 share some of the highlights of the application and  2 maybe what stood out in that selection process.</p> <p>3 MS. NAIL: Okay. I think that's probably going  4 to be something that's more appropriate for our Site  5 Selection committee members.</p> <p>6 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>7 MS. NAIL: So, Sandra and Sandy. You'll want to  8 come up to the microphone.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning and welcome.</p> <p>10 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning. Thank you. I'm  11 Sandra Johnson and I'm glad to be here this morning.  12 And your question was what were some of the  13 highlights?</p> <p>14 DR. MOORE: Yes.</p> <p>15 MS. JOHNSON: I would say one of the things that  16 our committee talked about the most was that we just  17 couldn't go wrong. It's -- that's a pretty good  18 problem to have is to have such good applications.  19 So I'll start by saying that we had good  20 applications. And I think -- are you asking for what  21 the highlights of Tech --</p> <p>22 DR. MOORE: Yes.</p> <p>23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. So one of the first things  24 for me, and I think the committee at large, was the  25 vision of the Director. They worked together to</p>	<p>1 from from the Committee was -- one thing is that  2 their RA's that are in the buildings with students  3 are former Governor's School students. So they have  4 had those experiences and are able to share those  5 with the kids who are there.</p> <p>6 Another thing that really impressed me  7 personally was they had gotten an email or phone call  8 -- I'm not sure which -- from a parent; they were a  9 little concerned about the wording in the dress code  10 that was so gender specific. And instead of just  11 saying, "Oh, we're going to change this and this is  12 what we're going to do," they're going to pull in a  13 group of students when they get to Governor's School  14 and have those students have input and actually  15 rewrite that policy. So that really stood out to me  16 as something.</p> <p>17 And it was just those types of things when we  18 were on their campus that really made them stand out,  19 I think.</p> <p>20 MS. JOHNSON: One other positive that I noted  21 was they extended Governor's School from just a four-  22 week time period, where you check-in and you check-  23 out, but they actually make connections with their  24 kids prior to that and they allow great communication  25 after they leave. And so they kind of extend that</p>

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<p>1 community beyond just that four-week of time on 2 campus, which I thought was a positive for those 3 students to have relationships with each other long- 4 term. 5 DR. MOORE: Thank you. And thank you for 6 sharing. 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. 8 Ms. Newton? 9 MS. NEWTON: I would like to hear from the 10 representatives from Arkansas Tech, maybe tell us 11 about lessons learned. I think that you've learned 12 through the process -- I know Covid made it difficult 13 this past year, but maybe some things that as far as 14 your vision that you've adjusted and then what your 15 plans are -- 16 MR. WOODS: Sure. 17 MS. NEWTON: -- for these coming years. 18 MR. WOODS: Yeah. So I'm Jeff Woods; I'm the 19 Co-Director for Arkansas Governor's School currently 20 and hopefully in the future. I'm also a history 21 professor at ATU. 22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Welcome. 23 MS. LACEY: I'm Robin Lacey; I'm the Director of 24 Arkansas Governor's School. So, thank you. 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you for being here.</p>	<p>1 all new programs and did programming for this that 2 they donated to AGS and will be there regardless of 3 where it goes. 4 I think one of the -- sort of the central ethos 5 that we sort of followed as directors is that, you 6 know, we love this at Arkansas Tech but we're really 7 in this for Governor's School and that's why we serve 8 in these roles. And so anything that we could do to 9 help with any future transitions or making Governor's 10 School generally better that's what we are doing. 11 One of the things that we learned with the 12 online transition is this extension of contact time 13 with the students. And so we discovered that if we 14 created -- we have this thing called Web-X, and Web-X 15 is just basically your -- it's like Zoom, but it has 16 other tools so that we can put students in groups and 17 they can communicate with each other through direct 18 messaging, also share documents; they can also do 19 video conferencing with each other. And we 20 discovered in our online version of AGS that if we 21 put that in our face-to-face version we give them 22 that ability to communicate with each other a couple 23 of weeks before and then any time after, it really 24 extends the life of AGS and that connection with 25 those students. So we do that with each of our</p>
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<p>1 MR. WOODS: So it's been learning from day-one. 2 We had the first transition in the history of 3 Governor's School to a new institution; so learning 4 about that transition itself I think was big. 5 MS. NAIL: Stand a little closer. 6 MR. WOODS: Sure, yeah. I'm sorry. 7 I think from the start we wanted to broaden our 8 base of students, try to reach out to areas of the 9 state that we haven't reached out to before and 10 didn't have a good tradition of sending students to 11 AGS. So that's been very important to us from the 12 beginning. And so we've created recruiting protocols 13 and things like that that would allow us to do that, 14 and we've had some success. We're still not done 15 yet. But we've had some movement in that, 16 particularly north central Arkansas, a little bit in 17 southeast, southwest, and the Delta, but we hope to 18 really push those. Central Arkansas and northwest 19 Arkansas are the key bases, and we always get those. 20 I think also we've created -- both through 21 having to do it online last year, and actually before 22 that, we've created new systems for AGS for 23 registration and for selection that honestly worked 24 much more fluidly in an online environment than they 25 had before. Our Information Services team created</p>	<p>1 classes; they also do it with these community groups 2 that they're in. So they have this vast network of 3 people that we sort of give them the tools to be able 4 to use both before and after. So that's been a big 5 lesson over time. 6 I think, you know, curriculum is constantly 7 changing. I think there are some great traditions at 8 Governor's School. There are things -- like our Area 9 2 curriculum is -- it's held pretty much to the 40- 10 year tradition of Governor's School. We're still 11 using some of the same things that we used 40 years 12 ago. But we also want to push it; we want to have 13 some innovation, and so we used technology last time 14 as kind of a focus. It's a byte thread; it's not the 15 central thing for any of the classes by any means, 16 but it does connect them together. It gives us a 17 common theme to discuss. In this next cycle we're 18 going to do community and community development, but 19 we're still going to play on the technological 20 infrastructure that Arkansas Tech has to do that. So 21 engineering was a good example of that. We're going 22 to do something called Development Engineering, and 23 it's basically engineering for governmental/non- 24 governmental big community development projects. So 25 it's mainly things like food and energy. You know,</p>

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<p>1 if you're in a community that has problems with 2 water, for instance, can you develop new ways to make 3 wells or to do water distribution, things like that. 4 So we're still taking advantage of the 5 technology but we're getting more into the other 6 aspects of Arkansas Tech that I think are really 7 valuable, which is civic engagement -- we've made 8 that part of our mission at the university -- and 9 then interdisciplinary work. And so it's the 10 integration of all this stuff that's really important 11 to us. 12 MS. LACEY: The only other thing I'd add is I'm 13 not originally from Arkansas, so I wasn't familiar 14 with Governor's School beforehand. And so it's been 15 amazing to me to see this large amount of wonderfully 16 intelligent students that come together and what they 17 can accomplish when you get them together and allow 18 them to work together. So that's been really fun for 19 me to kind of see that. 20 Trying to bring in from all areas of the state, 21 as he said, that's one of my biggest goals; you know, 22 making sure that everybody has access and not just 23 ones that have money. 24 MS. NEWTON: Right. 25 MS. LACEY: You know, so everybody has that</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: -- a few years back and she 2 still has those connections with people that she met 3 through AGS today. I know that was probably three or 4 four years ago. So I think that's a great 5 opportunity for them to -- 6 MR. WOODS: We need RA's, tell her that. 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: I'll let her know. 8 MR. WOODS: She's right in that age group, too 9 -- 10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Right. 11 MR. WOODS: -- where it works really well. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yeah. But it was an amazing 13 experience for her and she has continued those 14 friendships. So thank you for what you're doing. 15 MR. WOODS: Thank you. 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: And thank you for the impact 17 that you'll have on students' lives for the rest of 18 their lives. 19 MR. WOODS: It's been an honor for both of us 20 really. 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome. Thank you. 22 Okay. All right. Do we have any more 23 questions? 24 Ms. McFetridge, questions or comments? 25 MS. MCFETRIDGE: I just agree with what you</p>
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<p>1 ability. 2 And so that's, you know, some of the things that 3 I've been kind of focused on as we go through and 4 that I've learned through Governor's School. 5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you so much. 6 MS. NEWTON: Thank you. I love hearing that -- 7 you know, we've talked about this with other 8 initiatives that we are doing, you know, making sure 9 that everyone has access and trying to work harder to 10 reach out to all parts of the state. So I love that. 11 But I think the -- you know, and I love all the 12 different activities that you're talking about. But 13 I think the one thing that stood out to me is what 14 you said, "We want to do what's best; you know, I 15 don't care who gets the credit, but let's do what's 16 best." And, you know, I think that kind of sums up 17 what we are as a board; we want to do what's best for 18 kids. And so I really appreciate that perspective. 19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: I have to say my favorite part 20 that I heard you say today was the opportunity for 21 students to expand that community, that sense of 22 community before they get there and to have that 23 opportunity to continue it after. My daughter -- my 24 oldest daughter had the opportunity to go -- 25 MR. WOODS: Well, good.</p>	<p>1 said. I love the fact that they're going to make 2 those connections with the students before and after 3 the program. Wonderful idea. 4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes, definitely. Thank you. 5 All right. Mr. Sutton? 6 MR. SUTTON: Yes. Did I understand this coming 7 year you'll be doing it virtual and face-to-face? 8 MR. WOODS: Yes. So we are encouraging the 9 students to come face-to-face. It actually works 10 much better as a residential program. 11 MR. SUTTON: Right. 12 MR. WOODS: The online experiment was fantastic, 13 we learned a lot. It was necessary, we didn't want 14 to skip a year, but it's not ideal. You know, the 15 students' interactions with each other day-to-day, 16 between classes, walking across campus is honestly as 17 valuable as anything that they're getting in the 18 classroom. 19 MR. SUTTON: Absolutely. 20 MR. WOODS: So we very much believe in that and 21 we're desperate to get back to residential. But we 22 also understood that students were going to have 23 various health and home-life situations that might 24 prevent them from being there. If they were 25 accepted, we didn't want to -- you know, we didn't</p>

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<p>1 want to tell them "you can't be here just because, 2 you know, your health is not well" or "you can't" -- 3 and so, we're doing a completely hybrid environment. 4 And so everything that we do face-to-face will be 5 streamed live to students and recorded for them if 6 they can't make it at the time, as well. So it's a 7 completely hybrid environment. 8 MR. SUTTON: And how many students do you hope 9 to host? 10 MR. WOODS: So I think we have -- 11 375, is that right? 12 MS. LACEY: We have -- yeah, we have a total of 13 374 students that are attending this summer, and we 14 have one that has chosen the virtual option so far 15 this summer. And then we also want to make sure that 16 if there are any health issues that happen during the 17 session we then -- it's also -- they can go home but 18 still have ability to participate. So there's a 19 chance of more virtual after the session that is 20 accepted. 21 MR. SUTTON: Is it capped every year at 375? 22 MS. LACEY: No, it's capped at 400. 23 MR. SUTTON: Okay. 24 MS. LACEY: We -- and we accepted 400, plus an 25 alternate.</p>	<p>1 MS. CHAMBERS: No. 2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No. Mr. Lookadoo? 3 MR. LOOKADOO: I just want to say thank you for 4 the work that you're doing with this. I have a 5 former student who's attending this year. And, you 6 know, when you talk about accessibility, both 7 geographically and economically, that's a -- it's a 8 big deal, knowing -- for those students coming, like 9 it's a big deal to them to be there. And knowing 10 that you're doing that and making that impact on so 11 many students each year, it's incredible. And I just 12 thank you for your service. 13 MR. WOODS: Thank you. 14 MS. LACEY: Thank you. 15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you so much. 16 I just also wanted to just touch on one more 17 thing that I loved hearing, is that you got 18 information and feedback from your stakeholders, you 19 got information and feedback from your parents, and 20 so you're also having your student stakeholders help 21 to solve that issue. And I love that. I love that 22 you're not only involving your stakeholders but 23 you're engaging them and allowing them to be a part 24 of the process and the solution. So thank you so 25 much for what you're doing. Appreciate you.</p>
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<p>1 MR. SUTTON: Okay. 2 MS. LACEY: But we haven't had -- not everybody 3 has chosen to attend. There was -- with Covid and 4 the pandemic there's -- you know, as everything, you 5 know, I think our -- we were happy with our 6 applications, but again there was a lot of 7 uncertainty when they were applying. So, you know, 8 in terms of numbers we'd like more, you know, to 9 apply. And then, it's summer; it's getting harder 10 and harder for students to take the time because they 11 have so many demands on their time as well. 12 MR. SUTTON: Yeah. 13 MS. LACEY: So I think that's part of our issue 14 as well. 15 MR. SUTTON: Okay. Thank you. 16 MS. LACEY: Uh-huh. 17 MR. WOODS: Just to give you -- the deadlines 18 were in January. So if you can put yourself -- your 19 mindset back in January -- 20 MS. LACEY: Yeah. 21 MR. WOODS: -- about deciding on these things, 22 that's what we're dealing with. 23 MS. LACEY: Yeah. 24 MR. SUTTON: All right. Thanks. 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers?</p>	<p>1 Okay. Well, with that, if we have no further 2 discussion then we are ready for a motion concerning 3 their recommendation. 4 MR. SUTTON: Motion to approve their 5 recommendation of Arkansas Tech. 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion 7 from Mr. Sutton to approve the recommendation for 8 Arkansas Tech to be the host site. 9 Do we have a second? 10 MS. CHAMBERS: Second. 11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Chambers. 12 Okay. Do we have any further discussion on the 13 motion? 14 If not, then all in favor say "aye." 15 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 17 Seeing none, motion passes. 18 Ms. Smith, do you want to say something? 19 MS. SMITH: When something looks seamless it's 20 because there was months of hard work. 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Uh-huh. 22 MS. SMITH: And you guys don't know this lady 23 that well, Krystal Nail -- and she's done an 24 outstanding job. 25 MS. NAIL: Thank you.</p>

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<p>1 MS. SMITH: I'm super proud of her in this 2 process. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. 4 MS. NAIL: Thank you. 5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you so much for your work. 6 MS. NAIL: That is true; it has been months and 7 months. 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You make it look easy. Thank 9 you so much. 10 MS. NAIL: It was a lot of teamwork. I'm glad 11 to be able to be part of it. So, thank you. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. 13 MR. WOODS: We thank y'all. 14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Let's see. 15 (A FEW MOMENTS OF SILENCE) 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: One moment. Bear with us for a 17 second. 18 SECRETARY KEY: Yeah. So, Tracy, the next items 19 are under the 1:00 agenda. And if we have anybody 20 that's -- if they're on Zoom now, then we could 21 probably catch a few more of them. 22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. 23 SECRETARY KEY: But if they're not, then we 24 would wait till the 1:00 time. 25 MS. WEBB: They're on Zoom.</p>	<p>1 DESE team. And their amendment would expire at the 2 end of their charter, which would be 2024-25. 3 So the decision for the State Board today is to 4 review or not review the Charter Panel's decision. 5 And we have Superintendent Jody Wiggins on Zoom, if 6 you have any questions. 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. 8 Jody Wiggins, thank you so much -- I don't see 9 him. 10 SUPT. WIGGINS: I'm here. 11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: There we go. Thank you so much, 12 Mr. Wiggins, for joining us. 13 All right. Do we have any questions? Let's 14 start with Dr. Hill. 15 DR. HILL: No. 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin? 17 DR. RANKIN: No questions. 18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore? 19 DR. MOORE: No. 20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Newton? 21 MS. NEWTON: No. 22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge? 23 MS. McFETRIDGE: (shaking head from side to 24 side.) 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. Okay.</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY KEY: Okay. 2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All rightee. Then we 3 will move forward with the 1:00 agenda. 4 VII.1: CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR DIGITAL 5 LEARNING PROGRAMS 6 a) SILOAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: And first up is Consideration of 8 Charter Amendments for Digital Learning Programs. 9 Don Benton and Kiffany Pride. 10 MS. WEBB: And Tracy Webb. 11 SECRETARY KEY: And Tracy. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: And Tracy Webb. Sorry. 13 MS. WEBB: Several months ago -- 14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: I got distracted. 15 MS. WEBB: -- the leadership team presented the 16 same digital learning presentation that was presented 17 to the State Board several months ago. In May, the 18 CAP approved several digital learning applications. 19 The first one was for Siloam Springs High School. 20 Their amendment request was for a 9-12 program, which 21 is their charter school. They will offer 22 asynchronous and synchronous instruction, with 23 virtual and blended options through the use of an 24 approved digital provider and licensed district 25 staff. The application has also been reviewed by the</p>	<p>1 Mr. Sutton? 2 MR. SUTTON: No. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers? 4 MS. CHAMBERS: No. 5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Lookadoo? 6 MR. LOOKADOO: No. 7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All rightee, then. Well, 8 if no questions, then we will look for a motion to 9 approve or -- I'm sorry -- review or not review for 10 Siloam Springs High School. 11 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll make the motion not to 12 review Siloam Springs. 13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion to not 14 review by Ms. McFetridge. 15 Do we have a second? 16 MS. NEWTON: Second. 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Newton. 18 Any further discussion? 19 Okay. All in favor say "aye." 20 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 22 Seeing none, motion passes. 23 Ms. Webb, thank you. 24 Thank you, Mr. Wiggins, for joining us today. 25 Congratulations.</p>

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<p>1 b) LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>2 MS. WEBB: The next digital learning application</p> <p>3 approved by the Charter Authorizing Panel was for</p> <p>4 Lincoln High School. Their charter is a 9-12 and</p> <p>5 they will offer asynchronous and synchronous</p> <p>6 instruction, with a virtual option through the use of</p> <p>7 an approved digital provider. The application has</p> <p>8 also been reviewed by the DESE team. This would</p> <p>9 expire at the end of their charter, at the end of the</p> <p>10 21-22 school year. And we have Jana Claybrook on</p> <p>11 Zoom.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Good morning,</p> <p>13 Lincoln High School. I'm sorry; what was the last</p> <p>14 name?</p> <p>15 MS. NEWTON: Claybrook.</p> <p>16 MS. CLAYBROOK: Jana Claybrook, yes --</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you, Ms. Claybrook.</p> <p>18 MS. CLAYBROOK: -- from Lincoln.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. Good morning.</p> <p>20 MS. CLAYBROOK: Good morning.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We'll see if we have</p> <p>22 any questions. Mr. Lookadoo?</p> <p>23 MR. LOOKADOO: No.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers?</p> <p>25 MS. CHAMBERS: No.</p>	<p>1 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>3 Seeing none, the motion passes.</p> <p>4 Thank you, Ms. Claybrook, and congratulations.</p> <p>5 Have a great day.</p> <p>6 MS. CLAYBROOK: Thank you.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome.</p> <p>8 All right.</p> <p>9 c) HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>10 MS. WEBB: The next charter -- or next amendment</p> <p>11 approved by the Charter Authorizing Panel was for</p> <p>12 Harrison High School. They also have a 9-12 charter</p> <p>13 that will offer asynchronous and synchronous</p> <p>14 instruction, with a virtual option through the use of</p> <p>15 an approved digital provider and licensed staff. The</p> <p>16 application has been reviewed by the DESE team.</p> <p>17 Their charter will expire at the end of the 24-25</p> <p>18 school year. And from the district we have Dr.</p> <p>19 Stewart Pratt.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Dr. Kraft [sic],</p> <p>21 thank you for joining --</p> <p>22 SUPT. PRATT: Thank you.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: -- us today. Pratt?</p> <p>24 SUPT. PRATT: Good morning. Thank you. Uh-huh.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Do we have any questions</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>2 MR. SUTTON: No, ma'am.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>4 MS. McFETRIDGE: No.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Ms. Newton?</p> <p>6 MS. NEWTON: (Shaking head from side to side.)</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>8 DR. MOORE: No.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>10 DR. RANKIN: No.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Hill?</p> <p>12 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. No questions, Ms.</p> <p>14 Claybrook. Okay.</p> <p>15 MS. CLAYBROOK: Thank you.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: So we are ready for a motion to</p> <p>17 either review or not review the application for</p> <p>18 Lincoln High School.</p> <p>19 MR. SUTTON: Motion not to review.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to not review,</p> <p>21 by Mr. Sutton.</p> <p>22 DR. RANKIN: I'll second.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin.</p> <p>24 Any further discussion?</p> <p>25 Okay. All in favor say "aye."</p>	<p>1 for Harrison High School?</p> <p>2 None, none, none.</p> <p>3 MR. SUTTON: No.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>5 MS. McFETRIDGE: No questions.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. So we are</p> <p>7 looking for a motion to review or not review for</p> <p>8 Harrison High School's application -- amendment</p> <p>9 request.</p> <p>10 MS. NEWTON: Move not to review.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to not review,</p> <p>12 by Ms. Newton.</p> <p>13 Second?</p> <p>14 MS. CHAMBERS: Second.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Chambers.</p> <p>16 Any discussion?</p> <p>17 If not, then all in favor say "aye."</p> <p>18 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>20 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>21 Congratulations, Mr. Pratt. Thank you for</p> <p>22 joining us today. Have a good one.</p> <p>23 d) MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL CAREER ACADEMIES</p> <p>24 MS. WEBB: The last amendment approved by the</p> <p>25 Charter Authorizing Panel in May was for the Mountain</p>

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<p>1 Home High School Career Academies; it's grades 9-12.  2 They will offer asynchronous and synchronous  3 instruction, with a virtual option through a digital  4 learning provider and licensed staff. The  5 application has been reviewed by the DESE team.  6 Their charter will expire in 2024-25. And Dr. Jake  7 Long is on Zoom from the District.  8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Good morning, Mr. Long.  9 Thank you for joining us.  10 SUPT. LONG: Thank you.  11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Do we have any questions  12 for Mountain Home/Mr. Long?  13 No, no, no, no questions.  14 Ms. McFetridge?  15 MS. McFETRIDGE: Yes. I was just curious, I  16 haven't seen the term "digital instructional  17 designers" before. Who is that? Is that a local  18 staff in your district or outside the district?  19 SUPT. LONG: Yes, they are -- they're staff that  20 received the stipend this past year that worked  21 initially to really implement our learning platform.  22 But that was a local thing that we put forward last  23 year that seemed to be very, very helpful this past  24 year.  25 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. Thank you.</p>	<p>1 change the name to the Arkansas Lighthouse Academies  2 and to request additional waivers. Ms. LaShawnDa  3 Noel is on the Zoom, if you have any questions. And  4 your decision again is to approve -- review or not  5 review the Charter Panel's decision.  6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Webb.  7 Welcome, Ms. Noel. How are you doing?  8 MS. NOEL: Good morning.  9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning. Glad to have you.  10 MS. NOEL: Thank you.  11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Let's see. Do we  12 have any questions? Start on Mr. Lookadoo's side.  13 MR. LOOKADOO: No.  14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. Ms. Chambers?  15 MS. CHAMBERS: No.  16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Sutton?  17 MR. SUTTON: No, ma'am.  18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge, any questions?  19 MS. McFETRIDGE: I do. Maybe you can talk just  20 a little bit about how you're going to consolidate  21 Pine Bluff into your district or your charter? I  22 know you're going from 190 students -- or 190 student  23 days to 178. How do you think that will affect your  24 students?  25 MS. NOEL: We've surveyed our parents and our</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. If there's no other  2 questions, then we'll look for a motion to review or  3 to not review for Mountain Home.  4 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll make the motion not to  5 review.  6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Motion by Ms. McFetridge to not  7 review.  8 Second?  9 DR. MOORE: Second.  10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Moore.  11 Any discussion?  12 All in favor say "aye."  13 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)  14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?  15 Seeing none, the motion passes.  16 Congratulations, Mr. Long and Mountain Home.  17 Thank you for joining us today.  18 VIII: CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST -  19 JACKSONVILLE LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER  20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Ms. Webb.  21 MS. WEBB: And the next item approved by the  22 Charter Authorizing Panel in May was for an amendment  23 request for the Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter to  24 absorb the Capital City Lighthouse and Pine Bluff  25 Lighthouse into the Jacksonville charter and to</p>	<p>1 school communities. Our parents had requested that  2 we look at our days. Some of our families are in two  3 separate districts; they're in our district, as well  4 as the local Pine Bluff School District. And so  5 we're trying to assist them with some of their issues  6 around having students in school longer than the  7 traditional school district. But we also are going  8 to assist our students with continuous learning  9 through our summer program that we plan to offer. So  10 they won't really miss those days because we will  11 offer them the opportunity to be a part of our summer  12 program moving forward.  13 MS. McFETRIDGE: Will the summer program involve  14 all the schools?  15 MS. NOEL: Yes. All of our Arkansas Lighthouse  16 schools will lift a summer program moving forward.  17 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. Great. Thank you for  18 that.  19 MS. NOEL: Thank you.  20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any other questions? Ms.  21 Newton?  22 MS. NEWTON: I would just like to hear -- I know  23 we're not reviewing today, but I still would like to  24 hear just a little bit about what your plans are for  25 two of the ones that you're absorbing, how difficult</p>

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<p>1 it is academically, and students having problems in</p> <p>2 literacy and math and other areas. What are your</p> <p>3 plans as you absorb them to help students, other than</p> <p>4 -- and I like the idea of your summer school for all</p> <p>5 of them. But what other types of things are you</p> <p>6 going to do to address those problems?</p> <p>7 MS. NOEL: I'm going to -- we're all here</p> <p>8 together. Even though you don't see us, we're all</p> <p>9 sitting around one computer. So I'm going to shift</p> <p>10 over to Mr. Isaiah Cosio who serves as our academic</p> <p>11 lead.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning, Mr. Cosio.</p> <p>13 MR. COSIO: Good afternoon. Thank you very much</p> <p>14 for that question. Ralph Isaiah Cosio, Vice</p> <p>15 President of Academics.</p> <p>16 So one of the things that we are looking at and</p> <p>17 we are going to be doing is two-fold: one, by</p> <p>18 consolidating it allows all of our schools to have</p> <p>19 access to -- to be -- access to better professional</p> <p>20 development as we're able to bring all of our monies</p> <p>21 together. That's one thing. You know, right now, we</p> <p>22 kind of have to make a decision who gets what and</p> <p>23 that kind of thing. The same thing is true for our</p> <p>24 curriculum in general. So by combining we're able to</p> <p>25 get steeper discounts, which helps us just there.</p>	<p>1 for the Jacksonville Lighthouse -- we were making a</p> <p>2 transition to another person for Charter, and so I</p> <p>3 think in that process it was accidentally left off.</p> <p>4 But I will email it to you as soon as I get back to</p> <p>5 my computer.</p> <p>6 MS. NEWTON: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Dr. Moore?</p> <p>8 DR. MOORE: No.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>10 DR. RANKIN: No questions.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Hill?</p> <p>12 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. Okay. Well, with</p> <p>14 that, let's see, we are ready for -- oh, hold on.</p> <p>15 MS. COFFMAN: Deborah Coffman, Public School</p> <p>16 Accountability.</p> <p>17 Just for clarification, because I think we left</p> <p>18 the Charter Panel meeting a little muddied on this and</p> <p>19 we have since cleaned this up, this Jacksonville</p> <p>20 Lighthouse charter is taking on three schools under</p> <p>21 one charter. So that new charter, Arkansas</p> <p>22 Lighthouse Academies, will be the name of the</p> <p>23 charter. And then they will have three separate</p> <p>24 campuses that will maintain their separate LEAs, just</p> <p>25 like a school; so they'll be like a district with</p>
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<p>1 The other part of it is as we get on the same</p> <p>2 schedules, we're on the same calendars we're able to</p> <p>3 offer the same -- not only just offer the same</p> <p>4 professional development, but the Professional</p> <p>5 Learning Communities. Some of our stronger teachers</p> <p>6 that are in Jacksonville are able to share those best</p> <p>7 practices with our teachers in Pine Bluff and Capital</p> <p>8 City.</p> <p>9 And so it just increases the synergy between all</p> <p>10 three districts, allowing for us to have this</p> <p>11 increased overall efficacy of all of our schools</p> <p>12 because we're able to work together; just a whole lot</p> <p>13 easier than we are currently as three separate</p> <p>14 districts.</p> <p>15 MS. NEWTON: Okay. Thank you. Very good.</p> <p>16 Ms. Webb, I just had a comment for y'all. I</p> <p>17 know in the past -- these waivers today are not -- or</p> <p>18 charter applications today were different than</p> <p>19 normal. But just I miss the voting sheet that we</p> <p>20 normally have with that, that tells how they voted</p> <p>21 and maybe some reasoning behind that. And so that --</p> <p>22 these were not difficult decisions but sometimes they</p> <p>23 are, and that is very helpful.</p> <p>24 MS. WEBB: So I don't think we did voting sheets</p> <p>25 for the digital learning applications, but the one</p>	<p>1 three schools. So we've all come to an agreement,</p> <p>2 and she can acknowledge that just so we have that on</p> <p>3 the record. Thank you.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you, Ms. Coffman.</p> <p>5 MS. NOEL: Yes, we have.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY KEY: Ms. Coffman, could you stick</p> <p>7 around after the vote? I would like for you to</p> <p>8 introduce our new charter person.</p> <p>9 MS. COFFMAN: Will do.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY KEY: Okay.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Thank you, Ms.</p> <p>12 Coffman.</p> <p>13 You can go ahead, Ms. Noel.</p> <p>14 MS. NOEL: Yes, ma'am. I was just acknowledging</p> <p>15 that that is what we were requesting.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you. We have that</p> <p>17 on record.</p> <p>18 All right. Well, with that information we are</p> <p>19 ready for a motion to either review or not review the</p> <p>20 request -- amendment request for the Arkansas</p> <p>21 Lighthouse Academies.</p> <p>22 MR. SUTTON: Motion to not review.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to not review</p> <p>24 by Mr. Sutton.</p> <p>25 DR. HILL: Second.</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Hill.  2 Any further discussion?  3 Seeing none, all in favor say "aye."  4 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)  5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?  6 Seeing none, the motion passes.  7 Congratulations, Ms. Noel.  8 MS. NOEL: Thank you.  9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you. Have a good one.  10 Thank you all for joining us. The ones that we  11 can't see, good to see y'all but not see y'all.  12 Okay. All right. Ms. Coffman.  13 MS. COFFMAN: Ms. Dean and Board Members, it's  14 my great pleasure to introduce Tim Johnston. Tim has  15 been in our Standards and Systems Support team and he  16 has accepted the position to be our new Charter  17 Director.  18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right.  19 MS. COFFMAN: He'll do a fabulous job.  20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Welcome, Mr. Johnston.  21 MR. JOHNSTON: Thank you.  22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We're glad to have you.  23 [APPLAUSE]  24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Would you like to say a few  25 words?</p>	<p>1 are stepping up in roles and filling those roles very  2 capably. So I just want to make sure that as some of  3 the faces and names change that we try to keep y'all  4 apprised of the different people you will see doing  5 different things now.  6 So thanks, Tim, for saying yes.  7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you.  8 All right. Let's see. We have a couple --  9 SECRETARY KEY: We can break for lunch.  10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Huh?  11 SECRETARY KEY: We can break for lunch.  12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Great.  13 SECRETARY KEY: It's here.  14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. Lunch is  15 here. So what we're going to do is take a break, and  16 we'll come back at 1:00 to continue the rest of the  17 agenda.  18 So thank you so much. And we are adjourned for  19 lunch.  20 (LUNCH BREAK: 11:56 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)  21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We're going to get  22 started again and we're going to go to our 1:00  23 agenda. We got started on it, started on it part-way  24 earlier. Welcome back, everyone. Thank you for  25 joining us.</p>
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<p>1 MR. JOHNSTON: I just appreciate the opportunity  2 and I look forward to getting to know all of you. So  3 thank you very much.  4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you.  5 SECRETARY KEY: Yeah. That was -- you know, we  6 talked earlier about talent. Tim had been -- before  7 transformation was at CTE and now, you know, with --  8 it's amazing the talent we have and how they can just  9 step into roles. And I'm confident -- you know, Tim  10 is -- I worked with Tim before he became part of my  11 team, now working with him as part of the team and  12 part of Ms. Coffman's team, and now with Charter.  13 I'm looking forward to what he's going to build on  14 with the previous Charter Director; so glad to have  15 him on-board.  16 The reason that he's on-board, Tracy is moving  17 into a different role within the Agency, in Finance.  18 So we'll have an opportunity again to utilize some  19 fantastic talent. Cindy Smith has left the Agency  20 and taken a position at Mountain View School  21 District; so, you know, that will be a much shorter  22 drive for her from Dennard, the suburbs of Dennard to  23 Mountain View versus driving down here on Highway 65  24 every day.  25 But as those things change we have people who</p>	<p>1 IX. ACT 1240 DIGITAL LEARNING APPLICATIONS AND WAIVERS (7-12  2 GRADES)  3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We are to -- we have  4 transitioned over to our digital learning  5 applications and waivers. And then we're going to  6 have Ms. Smith.  7 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. Stacy Smith.  8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good afternoon.  9 MS. SMITH: Okay. So we have these bundled in  10 four groups, and so I'm going to kind of walk you  11 through how I think we're going to attempt it today,  12 okay, and see how this one works.  13 So the thought is I'm going to kind of present  14 the bundle to you. If there is a school or something  15 you want to pull out and go further into, I'll pull  16 it to the side and we'll do that at the end. Okay?  17 And we'll kind of -- and if you are good with who  18 else is on there, we'll go ahead and do the vote. If  19 not, we'll just keep moving it through.  20 1) SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  21 2) RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT  22 3) KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT  23 4) EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT  24 MS. SMITH: So the first group I have on here is  25 -- there are four schools and they're 7th through</p>

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<p>1 12th grade; it's South Conway County, Riverside, 2 Kirby, and East End. 3 I will note that two of these school districts 4 still -- their application says five years, but again 5 the Board can always amend that in your action. 6 So is there any of those schools that you would 7 like to ask more questions about and for me to pull? 8 MS. NEWTON: Riverside. 9 MS. SMITH: Riverside? 10 MS. NEWTON: Yes. 11 MS. SMITH: Okay. Anyone else? 12 DR. MOORE: Riverside. 13 MS. SMITH: Riverside for you. 14 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am. 15 MS. McFETRIDGE: I have a question for Southside 16 [sic]. I'm sorry. 17 MS. SMITH: Okay, so I'll pull Southside. 18 MS. NEWTON: South Conway, maybe? 19 MS. SMITH: So we've got South Conway County and 20 Riverside we're both going to ask questions to in 21 just a second. 22 Are we good with Kirby and East End? 23 Are you wanting to amend Kirby's application to 24 three years? Is that probably going to be what -- 25 Okay. So at this time we'd ask that you would</p>	<p>1 okay, so this one actually -- these three schools are 2 working with Arkansas River, so the cooperative; it's 3 White Hall, Sheridan, and Stuttgart. 4 So are there questions for the Consortium or any 5 of those three schools? 6 MS. NEWTON: I just wanted to say thank you for 7 the extra information. I would've had questions 8 without it, and so that was very helpful. So I 9 appreciate the Department gathering all that 10 information. 11 MS. SMITH: Thank you. We've got some smart 12 people back there working hard. So, appreciate that. 13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. So we don't -- 14 MR. SUTTON: Is -- I'm sorry. 15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Go ahead. 16 MR. SUTTON: Is Sheridan, are they requesting 17 five years? 18 MS. SMITH: So they all amended their 19 applications to reflect three years. 20 MR. SUTTON: Okay. 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. If we don't have any 22 questions or need any of those to be pulled, then 23 we're ready for a motion. 24 MS. NEWTON: Was White Hall not two years? 25 MS. SMITH: I noted on there a note that they</p>
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<p>1 make a motion for Kirby and East End for an approval 2 for three years. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Do we have any discussion 4 on that? 5 No. So I'm looking for a motion. 6 MS. NEWTON: Move to approve Kirby and East End 7 for three years. 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion by Ms. 9 Newton to approve Kirby and East End for three years. 10 Do we have a second? 11 DR. RANKIN: I'll second. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin. 13 All in favor say "aye." 14 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 16 Seeing none, motion passes. 17 Thank you. 18 MS. SMITH: Well, that was an expedited process. 19 That was good. 20 X. ACT 1240 DIGITAL LEARNING APPLICATIONS AND WAIVERS 21 (ARKANSAS RIVER CONSORTIUM) 22 1) WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 23 2) SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 24 3) STUTTGART SCHOOL DISTRICT 25 MS. SMITH: Okay. Next bundle -- next bundle --</p>	<p>1 were three years, but let me check. 2 MR. BENTON: I have three years on my list. 3 MS. NEWTON: Okay. 4 MS. SMITH: You have three on yours. 5 MS. NEWTON: All right. I thought I saw two 6 years. 7 MS. SMITH: Okay. 8 MS. NEWTON: Okay. 9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We just need a motion, if 10 there's none to be pulled from this batch. 11 MR. SUTTON: Motion to approve White Hall and -- 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Sheridan and Stuttgart. 13 MR. SUTTON: -- Sheridan and Stuttgart. 14 MS. SMITH: For three years? 15 CHAIRMAN DEAN: For three years? 16 MR. SUTTON: Three-year application. 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion to 18 approve White Hall, Sheridan, and Stuttgart for three 19 years, by Mr. Sutton. 20 Do we have a second? 21 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll second that. 22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a second by Ms. 23 McFetridge. 24 Any other questions or discussion? 25 Then, all in favor say "aye."</p>

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<p>1 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>3 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>4 XI. ACT 1240 DIGITAL LEARNING APPLICATIONS AND WAIVERS (DAWSON</p> <p>5 ESC CONSORTIUM)</p> <p>6 1) CENTERPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>7 2) BISMARCK SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>8 3) ARKADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>9 MS. SMITH: The next bundle we have for you is</p> <p>10 another consortium with Dawson Educational</p> <p>11 Cooperation; that's Centerpoint School District,</p> <p>12 Bismarck, and Arkadelphia. Each are asking for three</p> <p>13 years.</p> <p>14 Is there anyone that has a question on those?</p> <p>15 DR. MOORE: Quick -- was Dawson the one we saw</p> <p>16 last month?</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: No.</p> <p>18 DR. MOORE: Have we had --</p> <p>19 MS. SMITH: That was Guy Fenter.</p> <p>20 DR. MOORE: Guy Fenter, okay. I do have some</p> <p>21 questions of Dawson.</p> <p>22 MS. SMITH: Okay. So I'm just going to pull</p> <p>23 that bundle, the whole -- do you want me to pull the</p> <p>24 whole bundle, Dr. Moore?</p> <p>25 DR. MOORE: I don't know. It shouldn't be too</p>	<p>1 MS. SMITH: Northwest Arkansas Co-op?</p> <p>2 DR. MOORE: Consortium.</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Yes. And I did not catch that they</p> <p>4 were on there as a consortium. Sorry.</p> <p>5 DR. MOORE: No, that's okay. I just didn't</p> <p>6 know. I don't have any questions. I just didn't</p> <p>7 know if we'd talked to them at all before.</p> <p>8 MS. SMITH: They've been a part of the Zooms,</p> <p>9 but they have not presented like Guy Fenter has.</p> <p>10 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Any other questions about any of the</p> <p>12 other districts?</p> <p>13 I want to give you time to look, because I know</p> <p>14 there's several there.</p> <p>15 MS. NEWTON: Did you say Bald Knob or not?</p> <p>16 DR. MOORE: No, I didn't, but I probably --</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Would you like me to pull Bald Knob</p> <p>18 and ask them questions there?</p> <p>19 MS. NEWTON: Yeah.</p> <p>20 MS. SMITH: Okay.</p> <p>21 MS. NEWTON: I think they answered my questions,</p> <p>22 but I just --</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: That's okay.</p> <p>24 MS. NEWTON: -- have some -- okay.</p> <p>25 MS. SMITH: Okay. So we've pulled Alma, Bald</p>
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<p>1 long of questions. But, yes, I guess so.</p> <p>2 MS. SMITH: Okay.</p> <p>3 DR. MOORE: My questions are on their K-6 piece,</p> <p>4 and it looks like the whole bundle has K-6.</p> <p>5 MS. SMITH: Okay.</p> <p>6 DR. MOORE: So, yes.</p> <p>7 MS. SMITH: So we'll pull that.</p> <p>8 XII: ACT 1240 DIGITAL LEARNING APPLICATIONS AND WAIVERS</p> <p>9 1) ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>10 2) BALD KNOB SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>11 3) DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>12 4) EL DORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>13 5) BROOKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>14 6) ELKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: All right. And then the last group</p> <p>16 was -- these were kind of odds-and-ends folks. So we</p> <p>17 had Alma, Bald Knob, Deer/Mt. Judea, El Dorado,</p> <p>18 Brookland, and Elkins.</p> <p>19 Is there any questions or concerns or any of</p> <p>20 those you'd like me to pull?</p> <p>21 DR. MOORE: I would like to -- I would like to</p> <p>22 talk to Alma, Deer/Mt. -- and Deer/Mt. Judea.</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Alma and Deer/Mt. Judea.</p> <p>24 DR. MOORE: And then, is this our first time to</p> <p>25 have the Northwest Arkansas Co-op? Have we had --</p>	<p>1 Knob, and Deer/Mt. Judea.</p> <p>2 And so the three remaining that we have on there</p> <p>3 are El Dorado, Brookland, and Elkins. El Dorado was</p> <p>4 for three years, Brookland was for two, and Elkins</p> <p>5 was for three years.</p> <p>6 So if we were to do a motion you can just say</p> <p>7 "as cited in their application," "number of years as</p> <p>8 within their application."</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We're ready for a motion</p> <p>10 whenever anyone is ready for -- let's see -- El</p> <p>11 Dorado, Brookland -- Brookland and Elkins --</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: Elkins.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: -- Elkins School District.</p> <p>14 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll make the motion to approve</p> <p>15 El Dorado, Brookland, and Elkins.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: As cited --</p> <p>17 MS. McFETRIDGE: As their applications -- for</p> <p>18 the years needed.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>20 We have a motion by Ms. McFetridge to approve El</p> <p>21 Dorado, Brookland, and Elkins for the number of years</p> <p>22 as cited in the application.</p> <p>23 Do we have a second?</p> <p>24 MR. SUTTON: Second.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Mr. Sutton.</p>

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<p>1 If there's no further discussion, then all in 2 favor say "aye." 3 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 5 Seeing none, the motion passes. 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: So what we have -- what I have 7 is Riverside, South Conway, Dawson, Alma, Deer/Mt. 8 Judea, and Bald Knob. 9 MS. SMITH: Yes, ma'am. 10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. 11 IX.1. SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. So let's start with 13 I believe South Conway County. 14 MS. SMITH: Yeah. So, on your agenda South 15 Conway County -- 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes. 17 MS. SMITH: -- would be the first one. And I 18 believe there's somebody from the school district on 19 the Zoom. 20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. 21 MS. McFETRIDGE: Yes. I was just curious as to 22 how the tele-therapies will work. You've got listed 23 for dyslexia, speech, and OP/PTN, special ed., and 24 ESL services. Can you talk to us a little bit about 25 how that will work?</p>	<p>1 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. All right. That's the 2 only question I had. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We'll start with Dr. 4 Hill? 5 DR. HILL: No. 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin? 7 DR. RANKIN: No. 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore? 9 DR. MOORE: No. 10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Newton? 11 MS. NEWTON: No. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. -- 13 MR. SUTTON: No. 14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers? 15 MS. CHAMBERS: (shaking head from side to side.) 16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. So we have no 17 further questions. 18 So if there are no further questions or 19 discussion, then we are ready for a motion for South 20 Conway. 21 MS. SMITH: I will note that South Conway's 22 application indicated five years. So you need to -- 23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. 24 MS. SMITH: -- if you wanted that to be three. 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. So we have the</p>
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<p>1 MS. HENDRIX: Well, we have staff that are 2 trained to provide those therapies, either in person 3 or via tele-therapy, and they did do that during the 4 school year. You know, we send the manipulatives if 5 it's something like Connections. We have kits that 6 are at home, so they're doing it at the same time 7 through a Zoom link or a Google Meets link. If it's 8 dyslexia therapy, we have a fulltime ELL coordinator 9 that provides support and services that can do that 10 remotely. 11 And what were some of your other concerns for 12 the tele-therapies? 13 MS. McFETRIDGE: That was all. I just didn't 14 know how they worked, if they were in person or 15 onsite. But I imagine that depends on students' 16 needs? 17 MS. HENDRIX: Yes, ma'am. And we make it 18 available. If they prefer to do that in 19 person/onsite just for part of the day we're going to 20 work with them and let them do that face-to-face. Or 21 provide that tele-therapy option as well. 22 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. And then apparently you 23 also work with your parents and let them know how 24 that works? 25 MS. HENDRIX: Yes, ma'am.</p>	<p>1 waiver request for South Conway County School 2 District for five years. 3 Do we have a motion? 4 MS. NEWTON: Move to approve South Conway School 5 District waiver for three years. 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion from 7 Ouida Newton for the approval of the South Conway 8 County School District for three years. 9 Do we have a second? 10 MR. SUTTON: Second. 11 MS. McFETRIDGE: I'll second that. 12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. I think I heard Mr. 13 Sutton first. Mr. Sutton seconded. 14 Okay. Do we have any discussion on the motion? 15 Okay. Then all in favor say "aye." 16 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 18 Seeing none, motion passes for South Conway. 19 Ms. Hendrix, thank you for joining us and 20 congratulations. 21 MS. HENDRIX: Thank you. 22 MS. McFETRIDGE: Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Have a good one. 24 IX.2. RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p>

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<p>1 MS. SMITH: All right. River -- so, Riverside?</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Riverside. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Okay. So Riverside, right now we</p> <p>4 have their number of years was one.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: And there should be someone on the</p> <p>7 Zoom for Riverside.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Who do we have with</p> <p>9 us from Riverside?</p> <p>10 MR. ZIEGLER: My name is Matt Ziegler. I'm the</p> <p>11 high school principal.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Ziegler, thank you so much</p> <p>13 for joining us today.</p> <p>14 All right. Let's start --</p> <p>15 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. No questions. No</p> <p>17 questions.</p> <p>18 Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>19 MS. McFETRIDGE: No questions. Thank you.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Newton?</p> <p>21 MS. NEWTON: I know I've asked several questions</p> <p>22 of you already, and I appreciate your responses; that</p> <p>23 was very helpful. And from what I'm understanding</p> <p>24 from the correspondence is that your core classes,</p> <p>25 main classes will be teacher created, where your</p>	<p>1 Google Classroom. And so, it's minimal as far as</p> <p>2 what it's added to our teachers. In fact, a lot of</p> <p>3 our teachers have really enjoyed having the swivel</p> <p>4 device; that this helps for absences, as well as our</p> <p>5 virtual students.</p> <p>6 MS. NEWTON: Okay. What about planning time for</p> <p>7 teachers to be able to make sure that their virtual</p> <p>8 students are getting what they need as far as</p> <p>9 supplemental, extra help, are they on task? Are the</p> <p>10 teachers getting any extra planning time for that?</p> <p>11 MR. ZIEGLER: They get the same amount of</p> <p>12 planning time. However, we have other dedicated</p> <p>13 staff to facilitate with the students as far as</p> <p>14 getting anything -- extra things that they needed.</p> <p>15 It's the way we've operated while under the pandemic</p> <p>16 all year this year, and it's worked pretty flawlessly</p> <p>17 for the kids that virtual learning is good for.</p> <p>18 MS. NEWTON: About how many students are you</p> <p>19 looking at to place in this virtual program next</p> <p>20 year?</p> <p>21 MR. ZIEGLER: As of right now, at our building</p> <p>22 that holds almost 400 kids we have eight applicants.</p> <p>23 MS. NEWTON: Eight? Is that what you said,</p> <p>24 eight?</p> <p>25 MR. ZIEGLER: Eight. Yes, ma'am. Eight.</p>
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<p>1 teachers are going to be in a dual role in the</p> <p>2 classroom and then also doing the online; that</p> <p>3 Virtual Arkansas is just going to supplement for some</p> <p>4 classes that you cannot offer there on campus. Is</p> <p>5 that correct?</p> <p>6 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am, that is correct. Our</p> <p>7 district has invested in these swivel devices that</p> <p>8 make it much easier for our teachers to serve in that</p> <p>9 dual role. And then, we will only be using Virtual</p> <p>10 Arkansas supplementally as we do with our in-person</p> <p>11 kids on a regular basis.</p> <p>12 MS. NEWTON: Okay. So talk to me a little bit</p> <p>13 about this dual role that teachers are going to be</p> <p>14 serving. Are they going to have set times during the</p> <p>15 day that they will be teaching virtual students? Are</p> <p>16 there going to be any synchronous times that these</p> <p>17 teachers are going to be available? How is that</p> <p>18 going to work?</p> <p>19 MR. ZIEGLER: They are going to be teaching</p> <p>20 simultaneously with the swivel device. It's an iPad</p> <p>21 that sits on -- it's in every teacher's classroom, a</p> <p>22 device called a Swivel. And the teacher wears a</p> <p>23 microphone around their neck and basically the swivel</p> <p>24 device keeps the iPad on the teacher, and within</p> <p>25 three clicks they can have that uploaded to the</p>	<p>1 MS. NEWTON: Okay.</p> <p>2 MR. ZIEGLER: Single digits.</p> <p>3 MS. NEWTON: Okay. All right. I had one other</p> <p>4 question; it flew out of my mind.</p> <p>5 MR. ZIEGLER: We've already had -- we did have</p> <p>6 -- well, we've had a parent meeting, and it's been</p> <p>7 successful so far. And we're really looking forward</p> <p>8 to doing it again next year.</p> <p>9 MS. NEWTON: Okay. And --</p> <p>10 MR. ZIEGLER: I apologize if my internet</p> <p>11 connection is spotty. I'm actually in Wyoming right</p> <p>12 now.</p> <p>13 MS. NEWTON: Well, congratulations for a good</p> <p>14 vacation.</p> <p>15 MR. ZIEGLER: Yeah. I'm at my sister's house in</p> <p>16 Wyoming.</p> <p>17 MS. NEWTON: Well, what has been the response</p> <p>18 from your teachers and your input from your teachers?</p> <p>19 MR. ZIEGLER: We have surveyed teachers, as well</p> <p>20 as parents, as well as students. Obviously, digital</p> <p>21 learning is not going to fit the mold for every</p> <p>22 child. And so what we have tried to do is to take</p> <p>23 the information that we have learned this year and</p> <p>24 really let it help the kids that really do thrive</p> <p>25 under the digital learning atmosphere. The teachers</p>

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<p>1 have really liked it, as well as the students. As  2 far as the -- you know, obviously it's had its  3 pitfalls whenever we just allowed anybody to do it.  4 But since we're doing an application-type process for  5 it now and having these parent meetings, I think it  6 will go much, much smoother -- even more smoothly  7 next year.</p> <p>8 MS. NEWTON: Okay. All right. Thank you.  9 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am.  10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Dr. Moore?  11 DR. MOORE: Yes. You covered most of my  12 questions. But I do want to ask, as far as your  13 policy -- because you're doing it this way it seems  14 like it might be more seamless for a student to  15 transition in and out of virtual, which might be a  16 good thing or might also be harmful if you're having  17 students move. Are you going to have them commit to  18 a year or a semester, or what do your policies look  19 like around that?  20 MR. ZIEGLER: Students can apply semester.  21 DR. MOORE: Okay.  22 MR. ZIEGLER: They -- if they do not live up to  23 the expectations of the program, they can return at  24 quarters, quarterly.  25 DR. MOORE: Okay. Thank you.</p>	<p>1 if we need to amend that to say asynchronous and  2 synchronous, that's no problem at all.  3 MS. McFETRIDGE: All right. Thank you.  4 Ms. Smith, is that something we need to do?  5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You have a question for Ms.  6 Smith, Ms. McFetridge?  7 MS. McFETRIDGE: Yes.  8 MS. SMITH: So --  9 MS. McFETRIDGE: I didn't know if this  10 application needed to say asynchronous and  11 synchronous, being that they're using Virtual  12 Arkansas. Virtual Arkansas does mean synchronous.  13 MS. SMITH: Yeah. And I had Ms. Harp, Tally  14 Harp, who is working with us on this, she just looked  15 up the application. In the Interaction section, it  16 does say synchronous and asynchronous; so they do  17 indicate that in their application, that it's both.  18 MS. McFETRIDGE: All right. All right. Thank  19 you.  20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. If there's no  21 further questions or discussion, then we are ready  22 for a motion for Riverside School District for the  23 application for one year.  24 MR. SUTTON: Motion to approve.  25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: We have a motion to approve from</p>
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<p>1 MR. ZIEGLER: But they can only change once  2 throughout the school year.  3 DR. MOORE: Okay.  4 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am.  5 DR. MOORE: Thank you.  6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you, Dr. Moore.  7 Were those all your questions?  8 DR. MOORE: Yes.  9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Dr. Rankin?  10 DR. RANKIN: No questions.  11 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Hill?  12 DR. HILL: No.  13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions. Okay. All right.  14 MS. McFETRIDGE: I do have another -- I do have  15 a question, Ms. Dean. I'm sorry.  16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No problem.  17 MS. McFETRIDGE: I noticed your application only  18 said asynchronous but yet, if you're working with  19 Virtual Arkansas it would be also synchronous. Does  20 that need to be adjusted on the waiver form?  21 MR. ZIEGLER: We could -- we could adjust it.  22 It will only affect that very small number of  23 students. Our Virtual Arkansas, as we said earlier,  24 most kids will be taking classes with our teachers.  25 They make have one class with Virtual Arkansas. And</p>	<p>1 Mr. Sutton for Riverside School District for one  2 year.  3 Do we have a second?  4 MS. CHAMBERS: Second.  5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Chambers.  6 All in favor say "aye."  7 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)  8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?  9 Seeing none, motion passes.  10 Congratulations, Mr. Ziegler. Thank you for  11 being with us today.  12 MR. ZIEGLER: Yes, ma'am. I appreciate y'all.  13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome. Have a good  14 one.  15 XI: DAWSON ESC CONSORTIUM  16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Ms. Smith.  17 MS. SMITH: So the next bundle was the Dawson  18 Educational Service Cooperative. And --  19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yes.  20 MS. SMITH: And I'm going to go ahead and just  21 do all three schools at the same time: Centerpoint,  22 Bismarck, and Arkadelphia. And I know I saw Mr.  23 Beckwith on here with the Co-op. So if you wanted to  24 start with the Co-op themselves, they are on here as  25 well. And all three of those districts were for</p>

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<p>1 three years.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>3 Good morning, Mr. Bismarck [sic].</p> <p>4 MS. NEWTON: Beckwith.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Beckwith. I'm sorry.</p> <p>6 MS. SMITH: Beckwith.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Good morning -- or good</p> <p>8 afternoon.</p> <p>9 Okay. Let's see. Let's start with Mr.</p> <p>10 Lookadoo.</p> <p>11 MR. LOOKADOO: No questions.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No questions.</p> <p>13 MS. CHAMBERS: (shaking head from side to side.)</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>15 MR. SUTTON: No, Ma'am.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge?</p> <p>17 MS. McFETRIDGE: One question and I think it's</p> <p>18 for several of them. I noticed you're going to do</p> <p>19 the dyslexia screening virtually. Maybe talk to us a</p> <p>20 little bit about that. I haven't really seen that</p> <p>21 from other districts. I'm a little bit concerned</p> <p>22 about doing a test virtually for a kindergarten</p> <p>23 through second grader.</p> <p>24 (A MOMENT OF SILENCE)</p> <p>25 MS. McFETRIDGE: Somebody? Bismarck was doing</p>	<p>1 than to not have it done at all. So best-case</p> <p>2 scenario, if they're willing to work with us we can</p> <p>3 provide that space that is not going to have their</p> <p>4 child in the mainstream and interacting with other</p> <p>5 students, if they still have those Covid concerns.</p> <p>6 But, you know, if they're not comfortable with that,</p> <p>7 then we will absolutely do whatever we can to</p> <p>8 accommodate.</p> <p>9 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. Thank you for that.</p> <p>10 And what district are you from? I'm sorry.</p> <p>11 (A MOMENT OF SILENCE)</p> <p>12 MS. McFETRIDGE: What district are you from?</p> <p>13 SUPT. KISSIRE: I'm sorry. Bismarck.</p> <p>14 MS. McFETRIDGE: Bismarck.</p> <p>15 SUPT. KISSIRE: I'm sorry.</p> <p>16 MS. McFETRIDGE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>17 SUPT. KISSIRE: Bismarck.</p> <p>18 MS. McFETRIDGE: Thank you.</p> <p>19 SUPT. KISSIRE: Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. Ms. Newton?</p> <p>21 MS. NEWTON: No.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>23 DR. MOORE: Yes. And this is for the Co-op.</p> <p>24 For the K-6 I like that it looks like you'll be</p> <p>25 doing daily reading, Zoom/face-to-face, with</p>
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<p>1 theirs virtually, along with Arkadelphia. They're</p> <p>2 dyslexia screening virtually, unless I misunderstood?</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Do we have anyone on</p> <p>4 there?</p> <p>5 SUPT. KISSIRE: We will use -- and, of course,</p> <p>6 it's just like -- I believe it was South Conway</p> <p>7 County that said we will give parents an option. Of</p> <p>8 course, it's always best to do everything in person,</p> <p>9 if we can, so we will try to get our parents to bring</p> <p>10 the students onsite. And we have a safe room that's</p> <p>11 right off the backside of our campus, so a location</p> <p>12 that we can take students to that will not be in the</p> <p>13 mainstream of all the buildings. So hopefully we can</p> <p>14 -- you know, for all of our services, anything that</p> <p>15 we can get parents to bring our students to onsite is</p> <p>16 always going to be for the best. But, you know, just</p> <p>17 like some of the assessments and stuff, you're always</p> <p>18 going to have some parents that are just not</p> <p>19 comfortable with that, and we're not going to have</p> <p>20 any choice but to provide some of those services and</p> <p>21 to do some of that assessing virtually. So if that's</p> <p>22 the case, then we'll just monitor and adjust and do</p> <p>23 what we need to do to, you know, to handle our</p> <p>24 assessments and the other things the best we can</p> <p>25 virtually. It's better to do something virtually</p>	<p>1 students. But I do have a concern about class sizes.</p> <p>2 Can you speak as to why y'all chose to band the</p> <p>3 grades together and do larger class sizes?</p> <p>4 (A FEW MOMENTS OF SILENCE)</p> <p>5 MS. NEWTON: I don't know if anybody is on from</p> <p>6 the Co-op.</p> <p>7 DR. MOORE: Yes. And this would be certainly</p> <p>8 for the Co-op as those teachers, in my understanding,</p> <p>9 will be employed by the Co-op.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Do we have anyone on from the</p> <p>11 Co-op?</p> <p>12 MS. SMITH: I definitely saw Mr. Beckwith on</p> <p>13 there earlier.</p> <p>14 Is there anybody on the Zoom from the Dawson Co-</p> <p>15 op?</p> <p>16 SUPT. KISSIRE: I saw Darin and Candiss both on</p> <p>17 here just a few minutes ago.</p> <p>18 MS. SMITH: Yeah. They've been on here most of</p> <p>19 the morning, and then they were on after lunch.</p> <p>20 SUPT. KISSIRE: They have.</p> <p>21 MS. SMITH: This is Stacy, if you can hear us.</p> <p>22 MS. NEWTON: Here he is.</p> <p>23 MS. SMITH: Oh, there he is. There they are.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Welcome, Mr.</p> <p>25 Beckwith.</p>

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<p>1 MR. BECKWITH: Sorry about that. We're 2 preparing to get one of our districts over here, of 3 course in the space she sits in. I mean the minute 4 you guys came to us the connection went out, so -- 5 MS. BENNETT: So we're on Mr. Beckwith's cell 6 phone right now, on his cell data, because our 7 internet is completely shutdown. 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you for joining us. 9 MS. BENNETT: We can't -- can you hear us? 10 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Did you want to repeat 11 that question? 12 SUPT. KISSIRE: Yes. Did you hear that 13 question? 14 MS. BENNETT: I can't -- can you -- I'm sorry, I 15 cannot hear you. 16 DR. MOORE: Can you hear? 17 MS. BENNETT: Barely. Go ahead. 18 DR. MOORE: Okay. Our -- my question revolved 19 around the class sizes at the elementary levels. It 20 looks like you're going to band together grades. Why 21 did you choose to do that and have larger class 22 sizes? 23 MS. BENNETT: Okay. I think -- let's see. Hang 24 on; make sure I can hear. Let's see. We're having a 25 tough time hearing you. I think, Dr. Moore, that you</p>	<p>1 DR. MOORE: Okay. So you -- and you already 2 have employees. So I mean a 2nd to 4th grade teacher 3 doing 66 students is a lot. That person is 4 comfortable with that number and feels that they're 5 going to be able to give as much as necessary to all 6 students? 7 MS. BENNETT: I believe, yes -- I'm so sorry. 8 We're on his cell phone and it's really hard to hear 9 you. I guess you guys can hear us, but we're having 10 a tough time hearing you. 11 We do feel -- I heard about the 66 students in 12 2nd, 3rd, and then part of the 4th grade. And really 13 we are not -- we have less than 100 students right 14 now. We do not think we'll even get to the 179. And 15 we do -- we do feel confident that, based on our 16 schedule and the number of Zooms that we set up for 17 literacy and math, that the teachers will be able to 18 be with all of those students every day. They're 19 going to be Zooming at all times. All of our staff 20 is trained in Capturing Kids' Hearts, so we have the 21 social/emotional piece. And we feel confident that 22 they'll be able to keep in contact with those 23 students and stay on top of them, that they can learn 24 and accomplish all the standards and things that they 25 need.</p>
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<p>1 mentioned about class size? 2 DR. MOORE: Yes. 3 MS. BENNETT: So what we did is our districts, 4 they purchased seats; so we had a max of 179. And 5 then we took the 179 and just kind of looked to see 6 what our teachers could handle. So we sat down and 7 we developed like a schedule. I believe we have 47 8 -- it's around 45, 47 for K-1. And we developed 9 where they can Zoom five days a week with each grade 10 band, and also they can Zoom three days a week. And 11 we still have room for individual Zooms where there's 12 plenty of time. All the teachers will have a prep 13 period every day, and they of course have their 14 lunch. And we banded the grades together because our 15 -- majority of our focus will be on math and literacy 16 with Edgenuity kind of as a supplement. And then 17 Edgenuity will be the core curriculum for science and 18 social studies. 19 So we feel confident that they can handle that. 20 And, of course, if, you know, need be -- if we needed 21 to revisit and hire more staff, we would -- you know, 22 we would do that. 23 And I had to put the phone up to my ear so I can 24 hear. I'm sorry. 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No problem.</p>	<p>1 DR. MOORE: Okay. Thank you. 2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. 3 SUPT. KISSIRE: I don't know about the other 4 districts but just speaking for Bismarck, I also have 5 facilitators that are on my campus to also, you know, 6 work with those students to make sure -- from a 7 district standpoint that we're making sure that those 8 kiddos are being taken care of, that they're staying 9 on top of everything; that they -- that that 10 facilitator for each campus will be working with, you 11 know, the Dawson person and so-forth to make sure 12 that that communication and that collaboration was 13 going both directions so that, you know, we still 14 have that, you know, that piece from the district to 15 the co-op and so-forth. 16 DR. MOORE: Okay. Thank you. 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Dr. Rankin? 18 DR. RANKIN: No questions. 19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Dr. Hill? 20 DR. HILL: No. 21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. So I think we 22 -- those are all the questions and comments we have 23 for the consortium. So I think we can just take this 24 all at once -- or are we going to -- 25 MS. SMITH: Yes. So it would -- Centerpoint,</p>

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<p>1 Bismarck, and Arkadelphia are the three schools, 2 asking for three years. 3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. So we're 4 ready for a motion for Centerpoint, Bismarck, and 5 Arkadelphia, for however many years -- and they asked 6 for three. 7 MS. NEWTON: Move to approve for three years. 8 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion 9 from Ms. Newton to approve Dawson -- Centerpoint, 10 Bismarck, and Arkadelphia for three years. 11 Do we have a second? 12 DR. RANKIN: I'll second. 13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Dr. Rankin. 14 If there's no further discussion, all in favor 15 say "aye." 16 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES) 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed? 18 Seeing none, motion passes. 19 Congratulations, Mr. Beckwith, Ms. -- is it Ms. 20 Kissire? 21 MS. NEWTON: Kissire. 22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Kissire. 23 SUPT. KISSIRE: Kissire. 24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Kissire. And the rest of your 25 team. Thank you so much for joining us today, and</p>	<p>1 MR. SUTTON: No. 2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge? Did you have 3 any questions, Ms. McFetridge? 4 MS. McFETRIDGE: (shaking head from side to 5 side.) 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No. Okay. 7 Ms. Newton? 8 MS. NEWTON: No questions. 9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No. Okay. 10 Dr. Moore? 11 DR. MOORE: Yes. Thank y'all for being here 12 today. 13 I notice on the application, one thing that 14 stood out I haven't seen before is it said that 15 students couldn't do AP or pre-AP virtually, they 16 would have to come to campus. Why did y'all choose 17 to do it that way? 18 SUPT. WOOLLY: I'm going to let someone else 19 answer that question for you. This is Ms. Pam 20 Treece, our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum 21 and Instruction. 22 DR. MOORE: Okay. 23 MS. TREECE: Good afternoon. 24 We as the secondary team decided that it was in 25 our students' best interest to be face-to-face if at</p>
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<p>1 congratulations. 2 SUPT. KISSIRE: Thank y'all very much. Have a 3 great day. 4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: You're welcome. You too. 5 XII.1. ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Ms. Smith. 7 MS. SMITH: The next district I'm showing on the 8 list would be Alma. 9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Uh-huh. 10 MS. SMITH: Okay. So, Alma School District. 11 Is there somebody on the Zoom from Alma? 12 SUPT. WOOLLY: David Woolly, Superintendent. 13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: I'm sorry. Could you say the 14 name again? 15 SUPT. WOOLLY: David Woolly. 16 MS. SMITH: David Woolly. 17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: David Woolly. Okay. Thank you 18 so much. Welcome, glad to have you here today. 19 SUPT. WOOLLY: Thanks. 20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Let's start with Mr. 21 Lookadoo. 22 MR. LOOKADOO: No questions. 23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers? 24 MS. CHAMBERS: No questions. 25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Dawson [sic]?</p>	<p>1 all possible. And we wanted to take any applications 2 for virtual opportunity in consideration if students 3 felt like they could not attend face-to-face, that we 4 would possibly set up an alternative classroom for 5 that and schedule them in a different way instead of 6 impeding into the -- their regular classroom. So 7 that's the way we decided to approach it. 8 At this point we don't have any applications for 9 virtual in the secondary level, so -- on an AP class. 10 So we're pretty confident that that's not going to be 11 a need. 12 DR. MOORE: Okay. So students who will take 13 regular courses at the secondary level, will those 14 teachers be doing a dual role or will they have a 15 separate class period to do that virtual instruction? 16 MS. TREECE: It will be facilitated by teachers 17 who are designated as the virtual teacher -- 18 DR. MOORE: Okay. 19 MS. TREECE: -- in the general ed. population of 20 classes. 21 DR. MOORE: Okay. 22 MS. TREECE: So there will not be -- there will 23 not be a mix of virtual and face-to-face in a 24 classroom. 25 DR. MOORE: Okay. Why did you all choose to do</p>

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<p>1 it that way? Was it staffing constraints or --</p> <p>2 MS. TREECE: No.</p> <p>3 DR. MOORE: It wasn't?</p> <p>4 MS. TREECE: No, it wasn't. It was preference</p> <p>5 of teachers and just being able to segregate their</p> <p>6 job requirements in meeting the needs of their face-</p> <p>7 to-face students. And we just felt like we could</p> <p>8 have that personal conversation with parents and</p> <p>9 students and direct them to meet their needs,</p> <p>10 whatever they chose to do.</p> <p>11 So that's really our starting point. And at</p> <p>12 this time -- which we're early in the game in the</p> <p>13 scheduling part. But at this point we're not seeing</p> <p>14 any interest in it, so we think we've made a good</p> <p>15 decision. The numbers may dictate otherwise.</p> <p>16 DR. MOORE: How many students do you have</p> <p>17 currently for elementary, K-5?</p> <p>18 MS. TREECE: Zero.</p> <p>19 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>20 MS. TREECE: Yes. And we do have the component</p> <p>21 built-in from our Gifted and Talented program to</p> <p>22 address the needs, you know, of that population,</p> <p>23 which is just the flip-side for those secondary</p> <p>24 students who might choose to do an AP.</p> <p>25 DR. MOORE: Okay. Okay. Thank you.</p>	<p>1 great day.</p> <p>2 XII.2. BALD KNOB SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Next we have --</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: So I have Bald Knob, so Bald Knob</p> <p>5 School District. And I believe we have Melissa</p> <p>6 Gibson on the Zoom for Bald Knob.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. Ms. Gibson.</p> <p>8 MS. DUGGER: Melissa is on, but it's Marcy</p> <p>9 Dugger, the Federal Programs Director. I'm the one</p> <p>10 that actually drew up the plan.</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Okay. So, Marcy Dugger.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Welcome, Ms. Dugger.</p> <p>13 MS. DUGGER: Thank you.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you for being with us</p> <p>15 today.</p> <p>16 Okay. We'll start on this end. Mr. Hill?</p> <p>17 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>19 DR. RANKIN: No.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Moore?</p> <p>21 DR. MOORE: Yes. Thank y'all for being here</p> <p>22 today.</p> <p>23 So can you speak to me -- for your K-6 you'll be</p> <p>24 using Pearson Connects, why y'all chose to go that</p> <p>25 route? And what supports will local teachers or the</p>
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<p>1 MS. TREECE: Thank you.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Rankin?</p> <p>3 DR. RANKIN: No questions.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Dr. Hill?</p> <p>5 DR. HILL: No.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. All right. Thank you so</p> <p>7 much for answering those questions for us.</p> <p>8 So we are looking for a motion for Alma, to</p> <p>9 approve for -- how many years? Three years. So we</p> <p>10 just need a motion.</p> <p>11 MR. SUTTON: Motion to approve the Alma</p> <p>12 application for three years.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion to</p> <p>14 approve the Alma application for three years, by Mr.</p> <p>15 Sutton.</p> <p>16 Do we have a second?</p> <p>17 (A FEW MOMENTS OF SILENCE)</p> <p>18 MS. NEWTON: Second. I'm sorry.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Ms. Newton.</p> <p>20 All in favor say "aye."</p> <p>21 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>23 Seeing none, motion passes.</p> <p>24 Thank y'all so much for joining us, Mr. Woolly</p> <p>25 and your team. Congratulations, and y'all have a</p>	<p>1 school provide to those students?</p> <p>2 MS. DUGGER: We chose to go that route because</p> <p>3 we didn't want to have the mixed dual role for our</p> <p>4 teachers this year. It was just a big -- it was just</p> <p>5 hard on everybody. And so as far as them having</p> <p>6 direct contact with our teachers, there's not going</p> <p>7 to be as much as that. I am the point of contact. I</p> <p>8 will be checking in weekly on attendance and I will</p> <p>9 be checking in on grades and checking in with the</p> <p>10 Pearson, whoever is put in charge to be in contact</p> <p>11 with our school. If they need an intervention, I'll</p> <p>12 reach out to the parents. And then if it becomes to</p> <p>13 where they're failing, then they will be brought back</p> <p>14 to onsite.</p> <p>15 DR. MOORE: Okay. And will that be -- I guess</p> <p>16 I'm trying to understand too the role of your co-op.</p> <p>17 Do they -- are -- do they have a role in the K-6 or</p> <p>18 middle school, or what?</p> <p>19 MS. DUGGER: The Co-op is on here.</p> <p>20 MR. MOORE: Hi. This is Brad Moore. I'm the</p> <p>21 Director of Wilbur Mills Cooperative. Can you hear</p> <p>22 me?</p> <p>23 DR. MOORE: Yes.</p> <p>24 MR. MOORE: Okay. You know, Leasha Hayes, our</p> <p>25 Assistant Director, is here with us as part of our</p>

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<p>1 team. Our role, we looked at options and gave our 2 districts three different options of vendors to go 3 with and we kind of landed on Pearson. And we went, 4 you know, using teacher and content because we've 5 seen kind of a downward trend in the numbers. And we 6 set a deadline and our numbers were pretty high 7 [audio distortion] from digital. As I said, and as 8 you've seen with other locations, we saw a downward 9 trend. And so we settled on Pearson after looking at 10 all of the options.</p> <p>11 MS. HAYES: That's true. And one of the reasons 12 we did select Pearson, we did comparison studies with 13 several vendors. Beyond the fact that the Pearson 14 teachers are Arkansas certified teachers, we like the 15 fact that we can insure that they are either Science 16 of Reading trained or involved in the Science of 17 Reading training currently, just like our, you know, 18 regular classroom teachers are in Arkansas. We 19 really like the fact that Pearson takes very 20 seriously the school role with the children. We 21 wanted to make sure that we set up a situation where 22 folks like Ms. Marcy could be very, very connected to 23 those students. So their dashboard is phenomenal, 24 and Ms. Marcy and the parent can look at that at any 25 time, every day, and detect any issues.</p>	<p>1 district, and the hotspots, yeah, the Wi-Fi -- all 2 that will still be provided.</p> <p>3 DR. MOORE: Okay. And the per-pupil, what does 4 the contract with Pearson look like?</p> <p>5 MS. HAYES: It's a per-pupil expenditure and an 6 all-inclusive price, and so it's -- I mean that is 7 one of the reasons we chose it as well, because it is 8 an all-inclusive service. So they will ship to the 9 home of the student any materials that are needed for 10 the course.</p> <p>11 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>12 MS. DUGGER: And I'll tell you, Dr. Moore, at 13 this time I have sent out -- we've done a Google 14 Forms survey. We've sent it out on social media. 15 And I also personally sent out letters to the 16 families of those who were virtual this year. And 17 also at this point we have zero responses for virtual 18 interest next year, at this point.</p> <p>19 DR. MOORE: Okay. Okay. Thank y'all. 20 That's all the questions for me.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you.</p> <p>22 MS. NEWTON: When I first read your application, 23 you know, I had some concerns because of the vendor 24 avenue being out-of-state and, you know -- wasn't 25 sure about the touch, especially for K-2. And I</p>
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<p>1 Also, when we were working with Pearson we had a 2 very collegial relationship. And to be perfectly 3 honest with you, we have asked them to up their game 4 in some areas, and they have done so to meet the 5 needs especially of our lower elementary learners. 6 So we're very pleased with their response to what 7 folks like Ms. Marcy see as needs for the students in 8 our districts.</p> <p>9 DR. MOORE: For the K-6, how many students will 10 your co-op have currently enrolled?</p> <p>11 MR. MOORE: We still are -- we still don't have 12 final numbers on that, Ms. Moore -- Dr. Moore. We 13 started out with pretty high numbers and it caused us 14 some concern. But as I stated, we had a downward 15 trend and that number is still declining. So we're 16 still trying to fill that out and see how many we'll 17 have. But it'll -- I mean, just guessing, I'm 18 expecting far below what we initially started with.</p> <p>19 DR. MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>20 MS. HAYES: Some of our districts have reported 21 to us that even as a K-6 they have as low as three to 22 five students that they anticipate.</p> <p>23 DR. MOORE: Okay. Devices and internet, is that 24 provided by Pearson or by the local district?</p> <p>25 MS. HAYES: That will be provided by the local</p>	<p>1 appreciate the adjustments that y'all have made in 2 your application as far as K-2, making sure that they 3 had that, the daily homeroom and the Science of 4 Reading instruction. And so I want to say thank you 5 for doing that because I think it will have a 6 positive impact on students.</p> <p>7 One thing that I do still have a little bit of 8 concern about is the touch at the local district, not 9 just checking attendance and checking assignments but 10 just checking on students and having that connection 11 with the district itself, seeing for needs and 12 checking for needs. And so what are you going to do 13 to address at the district level the needs of 14 students -- of those particular students?</p> <p>15 MS. DUGGER: Yes, ma'am. We will -- I mean I 16 plan on not only just checking the dashboard stuff, 17 but reaching out and trying to be that connect 18 between our school with the families. I think I -- 19 maybe -- I thought it was in our plan -- every week 20 or two that I will personally reach out through email 21 or phone call to these parents just to do some 22 checking. And, honestly, these kids that we know 23 have needs already. Our counselors will be on-hand 24 for us for -- you know, to make sure we're double- 25 checking on these kids. They're very important to</p>

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<p>1 us. We want them in school. But I know there's just 2 the fact that some of them can't come, for whatever 3 reason, and we still want them to be a part of Bald 4 Knob school system. We don't want to push them off 5 on anybody else. So I mean, we are a Capturing Kids' 6 Hearts school as well and have been for three or 7 fours years now. And so we will be in touch with 8 these families and these kids on a weekly, if not 9 biweekly basis, and make sure that their needs are 10 being met and that sort -- they're getting the food 11 and the things that they need. We'll make sure that 12 that is taken care of. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>13 MS. NEWTON: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. McFetridge, did you have a 15 question?</p> <p>16 MS. McFETRIDGE: I have no further questions.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay.</p> <p>18 MS. McFETRIDGE: Thank you.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Sutton?</p> <p>20 MR. SUTTON: No, ma'am.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Ms. Chambers?</p> <p>22 MS. CHAMBERS: No.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Mr. Lookadoo?</p> <p>24 MR. LOOKADOO: No.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN DEAN: No. Okay. Great.</p>	<p>1 MS. DUGGER: You too.</p> <p>2 XII. DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: So the last one we have is Deer/Mt. 4 Judea. And let me see if they are on. I got a text 5 message saying that they had gotten their -- that 6 their internet went down, and so I sent them the 7 phone number to call in. But I'm not sure if anybody 8 is on there from Deer/Mt. Judea.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Anyone from Deer/Mt. 10 Judea?</p> <p>11 MS. SMITH: Oh, she said they are on.</p> <p>12 So, Brenda -- there she is, right there. I see 13 her. So Deer/Mt. Judea is on.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. Brenda Napier?</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: Uh-huh. Brenda, can you hear us? 16 (MOMENT OF SILENCE)</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Brenda, can you hear us? You're on 18 mute, if you're talking.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yeah. We can't see or hear you. 20 (MOMENT OF SILENCE)</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: And if the Zoom is not working, 22 then feel free to move over to the phone if you have 23 to.</p> <p>24 MS. SMITH: And if we want to -- if we need to 25 move on with the agenda items and either come back to</p>
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<p>1 All right. Well, we are on Bald Knob School 2 District and they have asked for --</p> <p>3 MS. SMITH: Bald Knob was three years.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Three years.</p> <p>5 So we are ready for a motion for Bald Knob who 6 have requested a waiver for three years.</p> <p>7 DR. RANKIN: I move to approve the three-year 8 waiver for Bald Knob.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Okay. We have a motion by Dr. 10 Rankin.</p> <p>11 DR. HILL: Second.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN DEAN: And seconded by Dr. Hill for 13 three years for Bald Knob.</p> <p>14 So if there's no further questions, then all in 15 favor say "aye."</p> <p>16 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?</p> <p>18 Seeing none, motion passes for Bald Knob School 19 District.</p> <p>20 Thank you so much for joining us.</p> <p>21 Congratulations. Thank you, Ms. Dugger.</p> <p>22 MS. DUGGER: Thank you so much for y'all's time. 23 We appreciate y'all at Wilbur Mills.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Thank you all, as well. Have a 25 good one.</p>	<p>1 this one, or we can move into the next.</p> <p>2 That was the last one.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Yeah.</p> <p>4 MS. SMITH: And no one is slowing us down today, 5 Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <p>6 DR. MOORE: I know they can't hear us, but I'm 7 just saying my questions were all around the 8 synchronous teaching at the K-3 level. But I'm okay 9 to --</p> <p>10 MS. SMITH: Are you okay approving it or moving 11 forward?</p> <p>12 DR. MOORE: I'm okay moving forward. Yes.</p> <p>13 MS. SMITH: Okay.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right, then.</p> <p>15 MS. SMITH: So theirs was for one year.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN DEAN: One year. Okay.</p> <p>17 MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN DEAN: So we are ready for a motion for 19 Deer/Mt. Judea for their waiver for one year.</p> <p>20 MS. NEWTON: I move to approve for one year.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN DEAN: All right. We have a motion 22 from Ms. Newton to approve Deer/Mt. Judea for one 23 year.</p> <p>24 Do we have a second?</p> <p>25 MR. SUTTON: Second.</p>

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1 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Seconded by Mr. Sutton.  
2 If there's no discussion, then all in favor say  
3 "aye."  
4 (UNANIMOUS CHORUS OF AYES)  
5 CHAIRMAN DEAN: Any opposed?  
6 Seeing none, motion passes.  
7 Congratulations, Deer/Mt. Judea.  
8 All right. So that was the last of our digital  
9 waiver requests. Thank you so much, Ms. Smith and  
10 DESE team. I know this seems just so smooth, but I  
11 know it's a lot of work that goes into it. So thank  
12 y'all so much for your work. And thank you all for  
13 joining us today, those that were able to join us.  
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