



AGENDA FOR CCA BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2010

12:00 p.m.

4050 Crums Mill Road, Suite 303

Harrisburg, PA 17112

and Via Teleconference

- I. Call to Order – D. Taylor
- II. Roll Call – D. Taylor
- III. Public Comment:

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in-person and telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the School Principal by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Principal at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Board grants additional time.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Principal at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

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- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – D. Taylor
- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Board Counsel Report – P. Murren
 - b. CEO Report (MSR attached) – D. Tulli
 - i. PA Office of the Budget Audit Update
 - ii. Drop In Centers – Scranton and Williamsport
 - iii. Principal's Retreat in Baltimore
 - iv. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation (attached)
 - v. Student Accomplishments
 - Real World Design Challenge Team – M. Flurie
 - State Champion PA Junior Academy of Science Competition
 - c. Financial Report (attached) - T. Ochs/T. Repice

- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - (i) Kwame Nitiamoah – Special Education Teacher
 - (ii) Kelly Marrara – Special Education Teacher
 - (iii) Susan Pesavento – Transition Coordinator
 - (iv) Patricia Comegna – Secondary Teacher
 - c. Approval of Researching the Possibility of Offering a 403(b) or Similar Plan for School Employees
 - d. Approval of Revision of Annual Meeting Time
 - e. Approval of Facility Build Out Expenditure for the Lehigh Office (attached)

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoice for April (attached) – M. Ciora
 - b. Approval of the Budget for 2010-2011 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Fee Schedule for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs
 - d. Approval of Offering Scientific Learning's Fast ForWord Program for 2010-2011 – D. Tulli / T. Ochs
 - e. Approval of Offering Laptop Computers to Students in 6th Grade for the 2010-2011 School Year and Authorizing CA to Purchase the Necessary Equipment – D. Tulli/T. Ochs
 - f. Approval of Total Expenditure for Three Vehicles to Support Mobile Lab and School Wide Activities (attached) – M. Flurie
 - g. Approval of a Procedure to Select and Financially Support Students Who are Recommended for Co-Curricular or Unique Curricular Programs (attached) – D. Tulli

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – D. Tulli/M. Revenaugh
 - i. Piccola Bill (attached)
 - b. Update on PA Cyber School Day on the Hill – D. Tulli
 - c. Results of Parent Satisfaction Survey (attached) – D. Tulli
 - d. Board Planning for the 2010-2011 School Year - H. Woodward
 - i. Proposed Meeting Schedule (attached)
 - ii. Board Composition (attached)
 - iii. Items Slated for Review in June (attached)
 - e. Review of Old Business and Discussion of New Business – D. Taylor

- IX. Adjournment and Annual Meeting Date – June 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference

CONSENT ITEMS

The Chair will ask members what items, if any, they want removed from the consent agenda for discussion. If any member asks that an item be moved, it will be moved to the Action Items. After any items have been removed, the Chair will read out the remaining consent items and ask for their adoption in one motion if there is no objection. The minutes will reflect the full text of any resolutions that were adopted as part of the consent agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2010 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Approval of the Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Dennis Tulli

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

c. Approval of Researching the Possibility of Offering a 403(b) or Similar Plan for School Employees

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Dennis Tulli/Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school desires the Board's approval to improve the employee benefit package by researching the possibility of introducing a 403(b) or similar plan for its employees. The research would include legal requirements, plan design, plan expenses, possible plan administrator, and employer match. The school would then present a recommendation for approval at a future meeting.

d. Approval of Revision of Annual Meeting Time

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Dennis Tulli

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Currently the scheduled Board meeting time for the Annual Meeting is 12:00 p.m., however, Dr. Tulli would like to request the Board move the meeting time to 8:30 a.m. on June 23, 2010 so that he can attend due to his attending the semi-annual Principal's Retreat at CA's corporate offices in Baltimore.

e. Approval of Facility Build Out Expenditure for the Lehighton Office

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Dennis Tulli

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Board previously approved a lease for the Lehighton Office and the school desires Board review and approval of the projected expenditure.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoice for April

PRESENTER: Michelle Ciora

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Ciora will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request Board approval of the invoice and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of the Budget for 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will provide a detailed review of the budget outline for the 2010-2011 school year that was compiled with the Board designee, and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of the Fee Schedule for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will review the fee schedule for the 2010-2011 school year with the Board that is derived directly from the budget for the 2010-2011 school year, and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Offering Scientific Learning's Fast ForWord Program for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Dennis Tulli / Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Tulli will request the Board's approval to continue offering the Fast ForWord program in 2010-2011 along the same terms as the current year. Depending on the results from this year's use which are still pending, Dr. Tulli may request a multiyear agreement at a future meeting.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

e. Approval of Offering Laptop Computers to Students in 6th Grade for the 2010-2011 School Year and Authorizing CA to Purchase the Necessary Equipment

PRESENTER: Dennis Tulli / Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Tulli and Mr. Ochs will review the school's request to offer laptop computers to all students in grades 6-12 instead of just 7-12. The capital expenditure to support this request would total approximately \$430,000 but would be partially offset by annual operating savings of \$134,000. Board approval will be requested to make this change and authorize the purchase of the necessary laptop computers to support the projected enrollment from the vendor previously selected by the Board for this equipment.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

f. Approval of Total Expenditure for Three Vehicles to Support Mobile Lab and School Wide Activities

PRESENTER: Maurice Flurie

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Flurie will review the school's desire to purchase three vehicles to support the school's mobile lab and school wide activities with the Board. He will review the cost quotes received for the purchase of the vehicles (\$100,316.02 including tax and tags), for the wraps to customize the vehicles (at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 per wrap) and the estimated insurance cost (\$1,600 per vehicle per year) for the vehicles. The school is planning on using ARRA stimulus funds for the purchase. The school will seek Board approval of the total expenditure for the vehicles.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

g. Approval of a Procedure to Select and Financially Support Students Who are Recommended for Co-Curricular or Unique Curricular Programs

PRESENTER: Dennis Tulli

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Tulli will review the school's proposed procedure with the Board and seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____