



Capistrano Connections Academy Charter School
Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. PT

Principal Location:
Capistrano Connections Academy
1211 Puerta Del Sol, Suite 220
San Clemente, CA 92673

Telephone Conference Call Locations:
317 Wilcox Street, Oceanside, CA 92054
23091 Arden Street, Lake Forest CA 92630
821 E. Claiborne Drive, Long Beach, CA 90807

This meeting is open to the public. For information about this meeting or for members of the public who require special accommodations to attend, contact Dr. Jonathan Horowitz at (949) 492-9131 x 330 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Board package is available for public review at the school offices prior to the Board meeting in compliance with California open meeting laws.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – T. Batiuk
- II. Roll Call – T. Batiuk
- 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. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items.

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.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "About Us" page at www.connectionsacademy.com

- IV. Public Hearing – Waiver for Student Teacher Ratio (to follow) – F. Sassin

- V. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – T. Batiuk

- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Horowitz
 - i. Update on Graduation Plans and End of Year Activities
 - ii. Facilities Search, Lease Expiration and Board Involvement
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – F. Sassin
 - i. Funded Enrollment Update (P2)

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached)
 - d. Approval of Curriculum for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached)
 - e. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule Change
 - f. Approval of Waiver to State Board of Education Regarding Student Teacher Ratio (to follow)
 - g. Approval of Change to School Handbook Supplement (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Ratification of the Connections Academy Invoice for February (attached) – F. Sassin
 - b. Approval of the Connections Academy Invoice for March (attached) – F. Sassin

- IX. Information Items
 - a. Report on MOU Negotiations with CUSD – J. Horowitz

- X. Confirmation of Next Meeting on May 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. PT.

Agenda publicly posted:

On: Friday, April 23, 2010

At: Capistrano Connections Academy
 1211 Puerta del Sol, Suite 220
 San Clemente, CA 92673
 By: Dr. Jonathan Horowitz

At: 23091 Arden Street, Lake Forest CA 92630
 By: Elaine Pavlich

At: 317 Wilcox Street, Oceanside, CA 92054
 By: Beth Ann Hall

At: 821 E. Claiborne Drive, Long Beach, CA 90807
 By: Brenda Breen

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.

a. Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

b. Approval of Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

c. Approval of School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 school year outlines the base salaries and additional incentives for teachers. The School Compensation Plan has been reviewed and agreed to by the school leadership, and Board adoption of the School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 school year is requested.

d. Approval of Curriculum for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Pat Hoge

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Hoge has prepared a memo to the Board detailing the curriculum offerings for the 2010--2011 school year, as done each year, and is requesting Board approval.

e. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule Change

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The currently scheduled date for the June meeting of the Board falls during the semi-annual Principal's Retreat at CA's corporate offices in Baltimore. The school would like to request Board approval to move the date of the June meeting up one week, to June 15, 2010.

f. Approval of Waiver to State Board of Education Regarding Student Teacher Ratio

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: As an independent study charter school, CapoCA is subject to the California independent study regulations, as well as the SB 740 laws for non classroom based charter schools. The charter school student (ADA) to teacher (FTE) ratio has been set at a statewide average of 25:1. With the state fiscal crisis, classroom based programs have been given a lot of flexibility in class size. In order to access flexibility in class size for an independent study charter school, a waiver of the regulations is required. Waivers are submitted to the State Board of Education (SBE) and also require a public hearing, which was held earlier in the meeting. Board approval of submitting the waiver to SBE is requested.

g. Approval of Change to School Handbook Supplement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is a memo describing a minor change to the language of the Technology Hardship Scholarship section of the School Handbook Supplement. Board approval of the change is requested.

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

ACTION ITEMS

a. Ratification of CA Invoice for February

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin will review the ratification of the invoice as payment has been made to Connections Academy in accordance with the Board of Directors' prior approval and direction concerning the advancing of funds for payment of CA invoice by the Treasurer. Dr. Sassin will review the support for payment of the invoice. Ratification of this payment is being requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of CA Invoice for March

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin will review the invoices as they relate to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoices, and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____