



Oregon Connections Academy
Board Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2008
12:00 p.m. Pacific Time

To Be Held At:
38761 North Main St.
Scio, OR 97374
and Via Teleconference

AMENDED BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Kropf
- II. Roll Call – J. Kropf
- III. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Kropf

The Chair will ask members and attendees what items, if any, need to be added, removed from or moved on the agenda, which includes, Oral Reports, Consent Items, Action Items and Information Items as listed below.
- IV. Approval of Acceptance of Director Resignation (attached) – J. Kropf
- V. Executive Session – pursuant to ORS § 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and ORS § 192.660 (2) (f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.
- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. Introduction of CA Regional Director, Jonathan Horowitz
 - b. Principal Update (MSR attached) – J. Wilks
 - i. Enrollment and Staffing Update
 - ii. Review of 2007-2008 School Goals (attached)
 - iii. State Testing Update (attached)
 - c. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
- VII. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of July 17, 2008 Minutes (to follow)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of Legal Invoice (to follow)
 - d. Approval of School Invoice(s) (attached)
 - e. Approval of Renewal of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance (attached)
 - f. Approval of Driving Policy (attached)
 - g. Ratification of the Challenge Foundation Grant Application (to follow)
 - h. Approval Authorizing the Principal to Complete and File the Annual Report

VIII. Action Items

- a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for July and August (attached) – B. Badger
- b. Approval of Audit Committee Members (attached) – B. Badger

IX. Information Items

- a. Update on Annual School Evaluation – J. Wilks
- b. Legislative/State School Board Update – J. Kropf
- c. Website Posting Discussion (attached) and Public Comment Policy Discussion (attached) – J. Kropf
- d. Board Academy Training (attached) – H. Woodward

IX. Adjournment and set next meeting date for October 16, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. PT.

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 July 17, 2008 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Farah Esmail

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: Jerry Wilks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that Mr. Wilks is recommending for hire. The staffing report includes the candidates' 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 Legal Invoice

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Becky Badger

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Badger has reviewed the invoice from O'Donnell & Clark, which is being presented for Board approval for payment.

d. Approval of School Invoice(s)

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Becky Badger

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Badger has reviewed the invoice(s) included in the Board package and Board approval for payment is requested.

e. Approval of Renewal of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board packet is the documentation of the terms for the renewal of D&O Insurance policy for the Board. The terms and conditions of this insurance coverage will not change from those in the D&O policy for the Board for the 2007-2008 school year. The cost of the premium for this D&O insurance coverage is obtained at a significant discount, due to the school's contractual relationship with CA through the Professional Services Agreement between ORCA and CA.

f. Approval of Driving Policy

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Wilks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board materials is a memo and description of the proposed school policy regarding driving by students to school events.

g. Ratification of Challenge Foundation Grant Application

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Wilks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Challenge Foundation Grant Application has been completed and submitted on behalf of ORCA by Mr. Wilks. Board ratification of the application is requested.

h. Approval Authorizing the Principal to Complete and File the Annual Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Wilks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: ORCA is required to file an Annual Report with the Scio Board of Education. Board approval authorizing Mr. Wilks to complete and file the report by the due date is requested.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoices for July and August

PRESENTER: Becky Badger

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Badger will review the CA invoices for the months that are drawn from the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoices and authorization to make payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion:_____ **Second:**_____

Ayes:_____ **Nays:**_____

b. Approval of Audit Committee Members

PRESENTER: Becky Badger

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Badger will discuss the need for an Audit Committee of the Board to be appointed for the review of the school's financial audit and request Board approval of such Committee. Previously the Board had designated two Board members to the Committee with an alternate.

Motion:_____ **Second:**_____

Ayes:_____ **Nays:**_____