



**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
BOARD MEETING**

Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, notice is hereby given to the members of the SCCA Board and the general public that the SCCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Friday, January 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Held at the following locations:

220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403
Columbia, SC 29210

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Allison Reaves at 803-212-4712, Ext. 301. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Flora
- II. Roll Call – J. Flora
- 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.

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

- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Flora

- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel Matter - S.C.C. § 30-4-70 (a)(1) – for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by public body (to follow) – E. Grier/K. Michel

- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR and Principal's Report attached) – A. Reaves
 - i. Parent Satisfaction Survey
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka
 - i. Update on 501(c)3 status

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2009 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (to follow)
 - c. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook (attached)
 - d. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year State Specific School Handbook (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoices for November and December (attached) – G. Prince
 - b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target – T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Opening Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year – T. Ochs
 - d. Approval of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact (attached) – A. Reaves
 - e. Approval of Adding February Meeting to Board Meeting Schedule – M. Wisley

- IX. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel
 - b. Board Governance and Administrative Policy Manual Implementation & Planning (attached) – H. Woodward
 - c. EMO Evaluation (to follow) – H. Woodward
 - d. Upcoming LiveLesson® Schedule – H. Woodward

- X. Confirmation of Meeting and Adjournment – March 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

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 November 18, 2009 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 the Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

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 the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the General School Handbook. The redlined version of the General School Handbook outlines the changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version last year. Last year's version had also been approved by all of CA partnering Boards. This version has been reviewed by the Board designee, school leader, and CA. In order to make sure the school is ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval at this meeting.

d. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year State Specific School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the State Specific School Handbook that sets out any state specific school policies that supplement the General School Handbook. The memo attached to the State Specific Handbook outlines all changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version. The State Specific Handbook has been reviewed by the Board designee, school Principal/Director and CA staff. In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval.

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

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoices for November and December

PRESENTER: Gary Prince

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Based on the 2009-2010 projected enrollment of approximately 1,540 students, which represents a growth of 940 students from the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Ochs will review the proposed funded enrollment target of 2,300 students for the 2010-2011 school year with the Board and seek Board direction and approval for a target. Much of the 2010-2011 planning will be based on this funded enrollment target established by the Board.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval for Opening Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting Board approval to begin enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year effective April 1, 2010. Board approval of the opening enrollment date is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact

PRESENTER: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each school receiving funder under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must develop a written school-parent compact jointly with parents for all children participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That compact is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. The compact must outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards. Board approval of the Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

e. Approval of Adding February Meeting to Board Meeting Schedule

PRESENTER: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Board Chair has recommended the addition of a February meeting to the Board Meeting Schedule. Board approval is requested for the addition of a meeting on February 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____