



**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:

Wednesday, March 17, 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. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR and Principal's Report attached) – A. Reaves
 - i. Educational Program Report (Staff Survey attached)
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka

- VI. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
 - a. Approval of Audit Firm for the 2009-2010 School Year Annual Financial Audit (attached)

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the January 15, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - c. Approval of Staffing Report (to follow)
 - d. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students (attached)
 - e. Approval of Draft Technology Plan and Authorization for School to Finalize the Plan and File with the Necessary Parties (attached)
 - f. Approval of Revision to 2010-2011 General School Handbook Section 9.3.9 (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoices for January and February (attached) – G. Prince
 - b. Approval of Graduation Expenditure (attached) – A. Reaves
 - c. Approval of Student Outreach Plan for the 2010-2011 School Year (to follow) – S. Fancher

- IX. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel
 - b. Update on Employee Matter – K. Michel/ M. Wrisley
 - c. Update on Board Counsel Engagement – J. Flora

- X. Confirmation of Meeting and Adjournment – April 21, 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 January 15, 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 Minutes from the February 17, 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.

c. 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.

d. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Last year the Board authorized National Connections Academy, an affiliate of Connections Academy the ability to work with the school's leader to review the enrolled students who could benefit from taking Summer School courses through National Connections Academy. The memo outlines the benefits of the program and seeks Board approval for the school leader to work with Connections Academy to communicate the details about the summer school opportunity to the school's students and families.

e. Approval of Draft Technology Plan and Authorization for School to Finalize the Plan and File with the Necessary Parties

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school has established a draft Technology Plan to formalize how the school handles the receipt of funds received for technology. The plan outlines a three- year plan for the school which is for the school years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013. The school is requesting Board review and approval of the draft plan and authorization for the school to finalize the plan with Dr. Swenk and file the plan with the necessary parties for its review and acceptance. Technology plans are frequently required to obtain e-rate funding, as well as many other state and federal grants. Once accepted by the necessary parties, a finalized plan will be brought back to the Board for its ratification.

f. Approval of Revision to the 2010-2011 General School Handbook Section 9.3.9

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: At the last meeting, the Board approved the 2010-2011 General School Handbook. The Board is requested to approve the revision of the technology portion of the handbook which reverts the language back to the current 2009-2010 handbook language. More thorough explanation is included in the Board package for review.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoices for January and February

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 Graduation Expenditure

PRESENTER: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Enclosed in the Board materials is an outline of the school's graduation plans and projected budget allocation for the event. Board review and approval is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

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

PRESENTER: Susan Fancher

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Fancher will review in detail the 2010-2011 Outreach Plan included in the Board package with the Board, along with the budget allocated for implementation of the plan, and will seek Board approval of the Outreach Plan. The live and recorded LiveLesson® session offered by CA provided detailed information on the Outreach Plan. The Board will review and approve the budget allocation at a later time upon approval of the 2010-2011 school year budget. Board approval of the Outreach Plan will be requested at the meeting.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____