



Arizona Connections Academy (ACA) Board Meeting

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02., notice is hereby given to the members of the ACA Board and the general public that the ACA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Friday, October 9, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Arizona time

Held At:

Arizona Connections Academy
1017 South Gilbert Road, Suite 210
Mesa, AZ 85204

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.02. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Linda Harless at (480) 782-5842. 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 – A. Coe
- II. Roll Call – A. Coe
- III. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – A. Coe
- IV. Oral Report
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR to follow) – L. Harless
 - i. State of the School Report (attached)
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
- V. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the September 18, 2009 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Legal Invoices (attached)
 - c. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - d. Authorization for Principal to Complete and File the Annual Report Card in Accordance with the Prescribed Deadline (attached)
 - e. Ratification of the Annual Financial Report for the 2008-2009 School Year (attached)
 - f. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA on the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook, State Specific Handbook and the Parent Agreements Needed for Enrollment for the 2009-2010 School Year
 - g. Ratification of the Principal's Acceptance of the Curriculum Pathways License Agreement on Behalf of the School (attached)
- VI. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoice for September (attached) – E. Danielson
 - b. Approval of School Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year (attached) – L. Harless
 - c. Approval of the 2009-2010 Teacher Pay Incentive Plan (attached) – L. Harless
- VII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – M. Revenaugh
- IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – November 13, 2009 at 8:00 a.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 September 18, 2009 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 Legal Invoices

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Invoices for legal services rendered for the school are being presented for Board approval.

c. Approval of Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Linda Harless

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.

d. Authorization for Principal to Complete and File the Annual Report Card in Accordance with the Prescribed Deadline

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting the Board approve the Principal to complete the Annual Report Card for filing with the ASBCS in its electronic format by the deadline. Board approval of the report is requested.

e. Ratification of Annual Financial Report for the 2008-2009 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board materials is the Annual Financial Report that was completed with the Board Designee, Dr. Elizabeth Danielson, as previously approved by the Board. Board review and ratification of the Annual Financial Report is requested.

f. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA on the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook, State Specific Handbook and the Parent Agreements Needed for Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEM: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, we are requesting the Board designate Ms. Geiss, the parent member, to start the review process with Connections Academy for the General Handbook, State Specific Handbook, and the Parent Agreements (which include the Parent Learning Coach Agreement, the Designated Learning Coach Agreement and the Regulatory Program Guide) needed for Enrollment of students and then a reviewed product be brought to the Board for consideration and approval at an upcoming meeting.

g. Ratification of the Principal's Acceptance of the Curriculum Pathways License Agreement on Behalf of the School

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEM: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: In order for the school to finalize their registration and access to the no charge Curriculum Pathways online content, the school's Principal was required to register at the SAS Curriculum Pathways web site and accept the license agreement. The school is requesting Board authorization to ratify this action of the Principal and the license agreement as attached in the Board materials.

Motion:_____ **Second:**_____

Ayes:_____ **Nays:**_____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoice for September

PRESENTER: Elizabeth Danielson

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

b. Approval of 2009-2010 School Goals

PRESENTER: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Harless will review the proposed 2009-2010 school goals with the Board and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

c. Approval of 2009-2010 Teacher Pay Incentive Plan

PRESENTER: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Harless will review the Teacher Pay Incentive Plan for the 2009-2010 school year that is provided in the Board materials and was developed in conjunction with the Board approved budget for the 2009-2010 school year. The Principal seeks Board approval of the plan.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____