



Ohio Connections Academy (OCA) Board Meeting

Friday, January 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

To be held in person at 130 East Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 25, Worthington, Ohio 43085

- I. Call to Order – G. Schuster
- II. Roll Call – G. Schuster
- 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 presentation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

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- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – G. Schuster
- V. Executive Session – Employee Issues: Employee Employment Evaluation (attached) – P. Robertson
- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached and Principal's Report attached) – R. Lambert
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Millard/T. Ochs
- VII. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of Bank Reconciliation (attached)
 - d. Approval for Opening Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year
 - e. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2011-2012 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement and Eligible Student Agreement (attached)
 - f. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoices for November and December (attached) – S. Millard
 - b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Technology Offering for the 2011-2012 School Year – T. Ochs

- IX. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – M. Revenaugh/D. Schmidt
 - b. Buckeye Charter School Board Association Update – G. Schuster
 - c. OCCS Representative Update – L. Schafer/M. Trzcinski

- X. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – Friday, February 25, 2011 at 9:00 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. 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 November 19, 2010 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 Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ray Lambert

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 Bank Reconciliation

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Millard and CA independently prepare a bank reconciliation, Board approval is requested.

d. Approval for Opening Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting Board approval to begin enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year effective April 1, 2011. Board approval of the opening enrollment date is requested.

e. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2011-2012 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement, and Eligible Student Agreement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ray Lambert

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Parent Agreements, consisting of the Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement (PLCA) and Designated Learning Coach Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year are being presented for Board approval. These have not changed in substance from the forms approved by the Board for the 2010-2011 school year, but merely update the school year and contain minor format and typographical corrections. Board approval of these Parent Agreements, is requested.

f. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Peter Robertson

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Last year the Board authorized National Connections Academy, a private school program run by Connections Academy to work with the school's leader to review the enrolled students that 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 National Connections Academy to communicate the details about the summer school opportunity to the school's students and families.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoices for November and December

PRESENTER: Stephanie Millard

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Millard 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: _____

b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is a memo regarding the proposed 2011-2012 school year enrollment target. Mr. Ochs will review the memo with the Board and ask the Board to set a funded enrollment target for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year Technology Offering

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will discuss the recommended changes in the student technology offering for the 2011-2012 school year with the Board. He will review the offerings and review the budgetary and service considerations of each offering. Board approval to set the 2011-2012 school year technology offering will be requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____