



APPROVED 11/16/2016

South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Held at the following location and via teleconference:
220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403
Columbia, SC 29210

I. Call to Order

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The agenda had been posted in accordance with legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Gary Prince, Frank Thomas and Mike Campbell (in person); Beth Purcell (via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: Meka Childs (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Peter Moyi and Melanie Murphy;

Guests Present: Amanda Ebel, School Leader (in person); Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Rachel Graver, Jay W. Ragley, Tanya Lee and Laura Coleman, Connections staff (all via phone).

[Ms. Childs joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.]

III. Acceptance of Resignation of Board Members: Peter Moyi and Melanie Murphy

Mr. Prince reviewed the desires expressed by Peter Moyi and Melanie Murphy to resign their service on the Board at the conclusion of their current terms expiring on October 31, 2016. The Board expressed their thanks and gratitude for Mr. Moyi and Ms. Murphy's service on the Board and accepted their resignations at the conclusion of their current terms.

IV. Consideration and Appointment of Board Member(s): Gary Prince, Rebecca Battle-Bryant and Adam Hall

Mr. Prince reminded the Board of the legislation allowing the Board to both elect and appoint members of the Board. The Board discussed their desire to appoint the three Board members, Mr. Prince, Ms. Battle-Bryant and Mr. Hall, to the Board for two (2) year terms to ensure continuity and stability on the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Gary Prince, Rebecca Battle-Bryant, and Adam Hall to the South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors, for a term of two (2) years to October 31, 2018, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

VI. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board

a. Review and Acceptance of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the draft audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as provided to the Board. She highlighted key aspects of the report, and related to the Board the overall positive outcome of the draft audit. Board members discussed the audit report, and expressed their satisfaction with the school and Connections for the results. There being no additional discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as presented, is hereby accepted.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the October 19, 2016 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

i. State of the School Report/ Final Results on 2015-2016 Goals

Ms. Ebel provided the Board with a state of the school report. She discussed last year's target enrollment goals as well as final enrollment numbers by grade level with the Board and reviewed the current enrollment and school goals. Ms. Ebel reviewed the final results of the 2015-2016 school year goals, reminded Board members that the staff worked closely with Connections Academy staff on establishing this year's school goals, and reiterated that the school goals represent the major driver for the staff incentive plan. Ms. Ebel related that the goals are created with the intention of improving school outcomes, the student and family experience, and to foster student achievements school-wide. The Board thanked Ms. Ebel for her thoroughness and partnership in the educational process.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial report included in the Board Meeting materials. She reviewed the changes in the financials and the forecasted expenses since last month's statements, enrollment funding, projected fund balance and specific expenses.

IX. Consent Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board members whether any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2016 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Enrollment Opening for the 2017-2018 School Year; are hereby approved

The motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

- a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoices for June and September

At the Board's request, Ms. Lee reviewed the invoices for the months of June and September, as included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC invoices for June, in the amount of \$2,480,225.59, and September, in the amount of \$2,077,483.17, as presented, are hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Officers to the Board for the 2016-2017 School Year

Ms. Coleman reviewed the need for the Board to appoint Officers to the Board with the conclusion of the biennial appointment process. She reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be until the Board's Annual Meeting in June 2017. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Gary Prince, Board President;
Mike Campbell, Vice President;
Frank Thomas, Board Treasurer; and
Beth Purcell, Board Secretary; as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Information Items

- a. State Relations Update

The Board reviewed the written State Relations Report included in the Board meeting materials on recent legislative activities that may impact the school. The Board discussed legislative activities with Mr. Ragley and Mr. Michel.

b. Partner School Leadership Team Update

Ms. Graver presented to the Board on behalf of the Connections' Partner School Leadership Team.

i. School Operations Metrics

Ms. Graver presented this item to the Board. She reviewed the data included in the Board materials, highlighting the school's performance as compared with other Connections' partnering schools of similar size and years in operation.

c. Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2017-2018 School Year: Parent/Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Regulatory Program Description, Caretaker Designee Agreement and Designated Learning Coach Agreement

Ms. Graver reviewed the student enrollment agreements for the 2017-2018 school year included in the meeting materials. She explained that minor edits have been made to the agreements for next school year, but that there had not been any substantive changes from the current school year's agreements.

d. 2016-2017 School Year Items for Board Consideration

Ms. Coleman reviewed the outline of items planned to be presented for Board consideration throughout the current school year. She further advised the Board that the document was fluid, and items may be included, omitted, or considered on a varied timeline based on a number of factors, including state submission and enrollment deadlines, as well as school need for student support.

XII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. ET

Mr. Prince noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.