



APPROVED 2/15/2017

South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 3:03 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 Adam Hall (in person); Mike Campbell and Rebecca Battle-Bryant (via phone);

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

Guests Present: Amanda Ebel, School leader; Joshua Kitchens and Kelly McNally, School staff (in person); Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Rachel Graver, Karen Duquette, Tanya Lee, Shon Hocker and Laura Coleman, Connections staff (all via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

IV. 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 January 18, 2017 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Purcell joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.]

V. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

Ms. Ebel reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) with the Board, highlighting changes from last month's report and trends in the report.

i. School Operations Metrics

Ms. Ebel 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

ii. State Testing Results Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed with the Board the recent state testing data. Mr. Kitchens and Ms. McNally further reviewed the preparations for state testing and contributing factors to data outcomes. The Board discussed the data in detail with Ms. Ebel and school staff.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial materials included in the Board materials in detail, highlighting the budget and forecasting areas of the financial statements and changes since the previous meeting's report. She reviewed the balance sheet, the school's expense statements and revenue.

[Ms. Childs joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.]

VI. 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 November 16, 2016 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Ratification of 2015-2016 School Year Annual Report;
- d. Approval of 2017-2018 School Year General School Handbook; and
- e. Approval of 2017-2018 School Year State-Specific School Handbook; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoices for November and December

Mr. Thomas reviewed the invoices for the months of November and December, as included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. He asked the Board members whether they had any questions on the invoices. There being none, he recommended the approval of the invoices to the Board based on his review. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC invoices for November, in the amount of \$2,031,991.73, and December, in the amount of \$1,934,793.12, as presented, are hereby approved for payment pending the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2017-2018 School Year

Ms. Ebel reviewed the proposed enrollment target for the 2017-2018 school year of 4,500 students and sought Board input in regards to the number. The Board had a discussion and agreed that this was a good target to set for the upcoming school year based on staffing and budget. The motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that funded enrollment target for the 2017-2018 school year, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

a. State Relations Update

Ms. Duquette and Mr. Michel reviewed recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update

Ms. Graver presented to the Board on behalf of Connections' School Leadership Team. She provided the Board with information on the upcoming Winter School Leader's Retreat as well as Ms. Ebel's planned involvement.

c. Upcoming LiveLesson® Sessions

Ms. Coleman presented this item to the Board. She reminded the Board that they will soon be receiving a link to a LiveLesson® session presentation intended to provide a more in-depth look at the Outreach plans for the upcoming school year prior to the next Board meeting's documentation and review. Ms. Coleman further reminded the Board of the timing of the upcoming Curriculum Town Hall presentation as part of the annual review process.

IX. 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, student or a person regulated by public body

The Board entered into executive session at 3:42 p.m., upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via a roll call vote of all Board members present, pursuant to 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. Board members in attendance were Gary Prince, Mike Campbell, Frank Thomas, Beth Purcell, Meka Childs and Rebecca Battle-Bryant. Guests invited by the Board to attend were: Rachel Graver and Laura Coleman. All others left the meeting at this time.

The Board ended Executive Session and entered into open session at 3:49 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. No action was taken during Executive Session.

X. **Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2017 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 February 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.