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**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 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 3:02 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, Adam Hall and Frank Thomas (in person); Meka Childs (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Battle-Bryant, Joe Baxter and Ashley Hinson;

Guests Present: Josh Kitchens and Kelly Jones, School staff (in person); Shannon Bowers, School staff; Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Karen Duquette, Brian Rosta, Tanya Lee and Laura Coleman, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) 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 February 21, 2018 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

In Ms. Ebel's absence, Mr. Kitchens reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) with the Board, highlighting enrollment changes from last meeting's report and trends in the report. He further reviewed recent student accomplishments.

i. Graduation Plans Update

Mr. Kitchens advised the Board that the high school graduation ceremony is planned for June 8, 2018, and encouraged Board members to attend.

ii. Winter Leadership Retreat

Mr. Kitchens reported to the Board on the Winter Leadership Retreat that Ms. Ebel recently attended, including professional development initiatives, networking opportunities and the Principal's Choice Award bestowed upon Ms. Ebel by her peers.

b. Financial Report

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

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Prince asked the Board members whether there were 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 January 17, 2018 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Connections Education Invoice for January; and
- d. Approval of School Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Action Items**

- a. Approval of Board President as Board Designee to Work with School and Pearson Online and Blended Learning (POBL) to Negotiate, Finalize and Execute School Facility Lease and all Related Documentation on Behalf of the Board

Mr. Kitchens provided the Board with an update on the school facility search. He reviewed recent meetings and potential school site visits. He further reviewed the process and timeline expected and reviewed the benefits of appointing the Board President as Board Designee to work with the School and all necessary parties to negotiate, finalize and execute the school facility lease. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President as Board Designee to work with school and POBL to negotiate, finalize, and execute School Facility Lease and all related documentation on behalf of the Board, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

a. State Relations Update

Ms. Duquette provided the Board with an update on legislative activities which may impact the school. The Board discussed the recent legislative and charter authorizer changes occurring in the state with Ms. Duquette.

b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update

Dr. Rosta presented to the Board on behalf of POBL's School Leadership Team. He provided the Board with additional background on the recent Winter School Leaders' Conference and Ms. Ebel's Principal's Choice Award.

[Mr. Michel left at 3:23 p.m.]

c. POBL Summer School Proposal

Mr. Kitchens reviewed the summer school options available to students at the school, as well as the proposal included in the Board meeting materials.

d. Curriculum and Outreach Additional Planning Tools for 2018-2019 School Year

Ms. Coleman reminded the Board of the additional information recently sent on the Outreach plans for the upcoming school year via email. She further reminded the Board of the timing of the upcoming Curriculum Town Hall presentation as part of the annual review process. She advised the Board that additional information on the presentation would be sent via email.

IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2018 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 April 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.