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South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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

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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 the legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Gary Prince and Frank Thomas (in person, at the school, which was open to the public); Peter Moyi and Melanie Murphy (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Armando Colombo, Rebecca Battle-Bryant and Denise Forest;

Guests in Person: Amanda Ebel, SCCA Executive Director; Kelly McNally, SCCA staff; Jay W. Ragley, Connections staff;

Guests via Phone: Kyle Michel, Allison Reaves, Tanya Lee, Jay W. Ragley and Laura Karns, Connections staff.

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board if they had reviewed the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. He then asked if there were any requested changes to the Agenda. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the August 20, 2014 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Oral Reports

### a. Executive Director's Report

#### i. Back to School Activities, Staffing and Training Update

Ms. Ebel discussed with the Board recent back to school activities, including successful orientations with students, families and teachers. She also updated the Board on staffing and training efforts.

#### ii. Enrollment Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed the school's current enrollment numbers with the Board, including those students in the pre-approval and approved phases of their applications.

### b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial statements in detail, as included in the Board materials. She reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue and expense statements with the Board.

#### i. Unaudited 2013-2014 Financial Results

Ms. Lee reviewed the unaudited financial results from the previous school year with the Board.

## 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, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2014 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of 2014-2015 Base Salaries and Incentive Percentage, Career Ladder Positions and Home-Worker Stipends;
- d. Approval of Revision(s) to the 2014-2015 School Year State Specific School Handbook: College Course & Attendance;
- e. Confirmation of Board Designee on Connections Education Curriculum Advisory Panel; and
- f. Approval of Professional Development Plan for the 2014-2015 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoice for June

Mr. Moyi reviewed the invoice for the month of June that was included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. He asked the Board whether they had any questions on the invoice. There being none, he recommended the approval of the invoice 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 invoice for June, in the amount of \$1,551,022.79, is hereby approved pending the Treasurer's review and approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of School Goals for 2014-2015 School Year

Ms. Ebel reviewed the school goals for the 2014-2015 school year as included in the Board package with the Board. She advised that the staff worked closely with Connections on establishing the school goals. Ms. Ebel also advised the Board that the school goals represent the major driver for the staff incentive plan. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the schools goals for 2014-2015 school year, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Offering SCCA Prom for the 2014-2015 School Year

Ms. Ebel reviewed with the Board the request from parent volunteers for prom to be a school sanctioned event with a budgeted amount of funds to be set aside for this purpose. The Board discussed the benefits of a school sanctioned prom and the amount of school funds available for the event. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that offering SCCA prom for the 2014-2015 school year and a budget not to exceed \$3,000, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Board Training and Conference Attendance for 2014-2015 School Year

Ms. Karns reviewed the upcoming trainings and conferences that have been identified that may interest members of the Board. The Board discussed the advantages and specific agenda topics of each conference, and their support of Board members making an effort to attend the training opportunities. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board training and conference attendance for 2014-2015 school year, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. State Relations Update

Mr. Ragley provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

b. Conflict of Interest Statements and Background Check Reminders

Ms. Karns reminded the Board to complete the Conflict of Interest statements for the 2013-2014 school year and thanked those that had already completed and returned the forms.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

The Board confirmed the next Board meeting would be September 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET. The Board, being at the end of its agenda, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.