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South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 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 3:13 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); Armando Colombo, Peter Moyi and Beth Purcell (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Battle-Bryant and Melanie Murphy;

Guests in Person: Ashley Jordan, School staff;

Guests via Phone: Amanda Ebel, Executive Director; Allison Reaves, Jay W. Ragley, Tanya Lee, Kristin DeGross 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 to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. The Board requested that Consent Agenda item (a): Approval of Minutes from the January 21, 2015 Meeting be moved to Action Items for discussion. There being no further changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the February 18, 2015 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Oral Reports

a. Executive Director's Report

i. State Testing Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed upcoming state testing and preparations by school staff members.

ii. Graduation Plans Update

Ms. Ebel advised the Board of the high school graduation ceremony and number of students expected to participate.

iii. Winter Principal's Retreat Update

Ms. Ebel reported to the Board on the Winter Principal's Retreat she recently attended, including the professional development initiatives and the school's recognition for the highest percentage of students accepted to higher education institutions across all Connections schools.

[Ms. Karns joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.]

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.

VI. Consent Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board members whether any additional 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:

- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Outreach Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

Approval of Minutes from the January 21, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Prince noted the need for a correction of an attendance typographical error in the January 21, 2015 minutes. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOVLED, that the Minutes from the January 21, 2015 Meeting, as amended, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Moyi reviewed the invoice for the month of January, as 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 January, in the amount of \$1,572,497.70, as presented, is 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. Board Training Reminder

Ms. Karns reminded the Board of the online state required training modules discussed at a previous meeting. She further advised that Board members who were required to complete the training would be receiving more information via email.

IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET

The Board confirmed the next Board meeting would be April 15, 2015 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 3:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.