



Wisconsin Connections Academy (WCA)
BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the members of the WCA Board and the general public that the WCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. CT

Held at the following location:

120 East Harris St., Room 213
Appleton, WI 54911

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

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BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Kummer-Meyer
- II. Roll Call – J. Kummer-Meyer
- III. Public Comment

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in-person and telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the school principal by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Principal at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Board grants additional time.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Principal at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "About Us" page at www.connectionsacademy.com

- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Kummer-Meyer

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. School Report – M. Mueller
 - i. Open Enrollment
 - ii. Winter Retreat Update
 - iii. Graduation Plans
 - iv. Planning for the 2013-2014 School Year
 - b. Treasurer's Report (attached) – P. Van Dyck

- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2012 Board Meeting (attached)
 - b. Ratification of School Enrollment Opening for the 2013-2014 School Year
 - c. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2013-2014 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement and Eligible Student Agreement (attached)
 - d. Approval of the 2013-2014 School Year General School Handbook (attached)
 - e. Approval of the 2013-2014 School Year State Specific School Handbook (attached)
 - f. Approval of 2013-2014 School Year Calendar (attached)
 - g. Approval of Curriculum for the 2013-2014 School Year (attached)

- VII. Information Items
 - a. State Relations Update – D. Schmidt
 - b. Annual Meeting Time and Board Relations Visit – B. Hurst

- VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Annual Meeting Date – Monday, June 10, 2013 at 10:30 am CT

CONSENT ITEMS

The Chair will ask members what items, if any, they want removed from the consent agenda for discussion. If any member asks that an item be moved, it will be moved to the Action Items. After any items have been removed, the Chair will read out the remaining consent items and ask for their adoption in one motion, if there is no objection. The minutes will reflect the full text of any resolutions that were adopted as part of the Consent agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2012 Board Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Brooke Hurst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Ratification of School Enrollment Opening for the 2013-2014 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Michelle Mueller

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: As discussed at the Board's last meeting, the school is requesting the Board to ratify beginning enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year effective March 4, 2013. Board ratification of the opening enrollment date is requested.

c. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2013-2014 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement , and Eligible Student Agreement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Brooke Hurst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Parent Agreements, consisting of the Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement (PLCA), Designated Learning Coach Agreement and Eligible Student Agreement for the 2013-2014 school year are being presented for Board approval. These Agreements have not changed in substance from the forms approved by the Board for the 2012-2013 school year, but merely update the school year and contain minor format and typographical corrections. Board approval of these Parent Agreements is requested.

d. Approval of the 2013-2014 School Year General School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Michelle Mueller

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the General School Handbook. The redlined version of the General School Handbook outlines the changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version last year. Last year's version had also been approved by all of CA partnering Boards. This version has been reviewed by the Board designee, school leader, and CA. In order to make sure the school is ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval at this meeting.

e. Approval of the 2013-2014 School Year State Specific School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Michelle Mueller

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the State Specific School Handbook that sets out any state specific school policies that supplement the General School Handbook. The memo attached to the State Specific Handbook outlines all changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version. The State Specific Handbook has been reviewed by the Board designee, school leader and CA staff. In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval.

f. Approval of 2013-2014 School Calendar

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Michelle Mueller

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school calendar has been reviewed by the school's leadership team and Connections Academy and Board approval is requested.

g. Approval of Curriculum for the 2013-2014 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Pat Hoge

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Following Board approval in the fall of the Curriculum strategy presentation for the upcoming school year and the LiveLesson presentation to Board members in early March, Dr. Hoge has prepared a memo to the Board detailing the curriculum offerings for the 2013-2014 school year, as done each year, and is requesting Board approval.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____