



Alpaugh Academies
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
12:00 p.m. PT

Principal Location:

4020 South Demaree Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93277

Telephone Conference Call Locations:

1300 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637
201 W. Adrian Way, Hanford, CA 93230
5805 W. Vassar Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public have access to (and may participate in) the meeting at any of the telephone conference locations). For information about this meeting or for members of the public who require special accommodations to attend, contact Jonathan Horowitz at (949) 492-9131 x 356 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Board packet is available for public review at the school offices prior to the Board meeting in compliance with California open meeting law.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Hearing on the Independent Study Policy (attached) and 2010-2011 Master Agreement (attached) – F. Sassin

In setting policy pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Education Code section 51747, the local governing board shall consider, in a public hearing, the scope of its existing or prospective use of independent study as an instructional strategy, its purposes in authorizing independent study, and factors bearing specifically on the maximum realistic lengths of assignments and acceptable number of missed assignments for specific populations of pupils or adult education students.

The CenCA Board welcomes participation by the public during the Public Hearing. If you wish to address the Board please follow the Public Comment policy of the Board as set out below.

- IV. 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. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items.

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

- V. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – D. Souza

- VI. Closed Session: Brown Act § 54954.5 (e) – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION DISCUSSION; Title: Principal (to follow)

- VII. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Horowitz
 - i. Graduation Update
 - ii. Parent Satisfaction Survey
 - iii. Testing Update
 - iv. Student Retention Efforts
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – F. Sassin
 - i. First Period Attendance Reporting (P1)
 - ii. Update on State Budget

- VIII. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
 - a. Review and Approval of the Form 990 for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 and Authorization for the Financial Consultant to Sign the Form on Behalf of the Board (attached) – F. Sassin

- IX. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 17, 2009 Board Meeting (attached)
 - b. Ratification of the First Interim Financial Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook (attached)
 - d. Ratification of Principal Signing a Memorandum of Understanding for Funding Source (attached)
 - e. Approval of School Accountability Report Card (SARC) (attached)
 - f. Approval of Completion and Submission of the Annual Performance Report and Authorization for Dr. Sassin to File with the District
 - g. Approval of Independent Study Policy (attached)
 - h. Approval of the 2010-2011 Master Agreement (attached)
 - i. Ratification of Consolidated Application 2009-2010 Part II (to follow)
 - j. Approval of Draft Technology Plan and Authorization for School to Finalize the Plan and File with the Necessary Parties (to follow)
 - k. Ratification of the Filing of the SB740 Funding Determination by the School's Financial Consultant (to follow)

- X. Action Items
 - a. Ratification of the Connections Academy Invoice for November (attached) – F. Sassin
 - b. Approval of the Connections Academy Invoice for December (attached) – F. Sassin
 - c. Approval of CapoCA Invoices for November and December (attached) – F. Sassin
 - d. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target – J. Marhefka
 - e. Approval of Opening Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year – J. Marhefka
 - f. Approval of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact (attached) – J. Horowitz

- XI. Information Items
 - a. Board Governance and Administrative Policy Manual Implementation & Planning (attached) – M. Wrisley
 - b. EMO Evaluation (attached) – M. Wrisley
 - c. Upcoming LiveLesson® Session Schedule and Conferences – M. Wrisley
 - d. Board Dinner on March 8, 2010 – M. Wrisley

- XII. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – March 23, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. PT

Agenda publicly posted:

On: Friday, February 5, 2010

At: 4020 S. Demaree Street, Visalia, CA 93277
By: Tiffany Carrasco

At: 1300 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637
By: Dave Souza

At: 201 W. Adrian Way, Hanford, CA 93230
By: Becky Hudson

At: 5805 W. Vassar Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277
By: Stewart Elkin

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 November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

b. Ratification of the First Interim Financial Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in your Board materials is the First Interim Financial Report to the CUSD and the County Department of Education prepared and submitted by Dr. Sassin by the December 15th deadline. As explained at a previous meeting, the report is a restatement of the school's financials into the prescribed format. Board ratification of the First Interim Financial Report is requested.

c. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

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 2010-2011 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval at this meeting.

d. Ratification of Superintendent Signing a Memorandum of Understanding for Funding Source

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school has identified a funding source available and the Board is requesting to ratify entering into a memorandum of understanding to establish the school's intent to seek the funding source.

e. Approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school has completed the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for the 2008-2009 school year which the school is required to make publicly available to parents and the community by February 1, 2010. Board review and approval of the report is requested.

f. Approval of Completion and Submission of the Annual Performance Report and Authorization for Dr. Sassin to File with the District

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is working on completion of the Annual Performance Report for filing with the appropriate parties and the Principal is seeking Board approval to complete and submit the Report to the authorizing district, with the Report itself being brought back for review and ratification by the Board at a later meeting.

g. Approval of the Independent Study Policy

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Independent Study Policy for the 2010-2011 school year has been included in the Board packet and approval thereof is requested.

h. Approval of the 2010-2011 Master Agreement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Master Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year has been included in the Board packet and approval thereof is requested.

i. Ratification of Consolidated Application Part II 2009-2010

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin seeks ratification of the Consolidated Application Part II, which reports to the state on the expenditures of various restricted funds, such as federal Title funds and other state programs. The Con App is submitted in two parts each year. Part II was due for submission on January 30, 2010 and requires Board ratification of its submission by Dr. Sassin.

j. Approval of Draft Technology Plan and Authorization for School to Finalize the Plan and File with the Necessary Parties

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school has established a draft Technology Plan to formalize how the school handles the receipt of funds received for technology. The plan outlines a three- year plan for the school which is for the school years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013. The school is requesting Board review and approval of the draft plan and authorization for the school to finalize the plan with Dr. Swenk and file the plan with the necessary parties at the State for its review and acceptance. Once accepted by the State, a finalized plan will be brought back to the Board for its ratification.

k. Ratification of the Filing of the SB740 Funding Determination by the School's Financial Consultant

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin has completed the SB740 Funding Determination and filed the report by the February 1 deadline on behalf of the school. The Board is asked to ratify the report.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Ratification of CA Invoice for November

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin will review the ratification of the invoice as payment has been made to Connections Academy in accordance with the Board of Directors' prior approval and direction concerning the advancing of funds for payment of CA invoice by the Treasurer. Dr. Sassin will review the support for payment of the invoice. Ratification of this payment is being requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of CA Invoice for December

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin will review the invoice that is derived from the financial report that was provided earlier in the meeting and seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of Capistrano Connections Academy Invoices for November and December for CenCA

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Sassin will review and present the CapoCA invoices to CenCA that include payment to CapoCA for shared teaching and administrative services, and will seek Board approval for payment of the invoices presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Based on the 2009-2010 projected enrollment of approximately 150 students, which represents a growth of 60 students from the 2008-2009 school year, Dr. Sassin will review the proposed funded enrollment target of 200 students for the 2010-2011 school year with the Board and seek Board direction and approval for a target. Much of the 2010-2011 planning will be based on this funded enrollment target established by the Board.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval for Opening Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting Board approval to begin enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year effective April 1, 2010. Board approval of the opening enrollment date is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

e. **Approval of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact**

PRESENTER: Franci Sassin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each school receiving funder under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must develop a written school-parent compact jointly with parents for all children participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That compact is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. The compact must outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards. Board approval of the Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent Compact is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____