



## Ohio Connections Academy (OCA) Board Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

To be held in person at 130 East Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 25, Worthington, Ohio 43085

- I. Call to Order – G. Schuster
- II. Roll Call – G. Schuster
- 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 presentation 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](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- IV. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – G. Schuster
- V. Update on Board Member Candidates – George Rooney, Ann Sheldon and Tracey Hingsbergen – G. Schuster
- VI. Oral Reports
  - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached and Principal's Report attached) – R. Lambert
  - b. Update on Internet Protection – P. Robertson
  - c. Financial Report (attached) – S. Millard/T. Ochs
    - i. Update on Audit
    - ii. EduJobs Funding Update

- VII. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the October 22, 2010 Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - c. Approval of Bank Reconciliation (attached)
  - d. Approval of Renewal of Fiscal Officer Agreement (attached)
  - e. Approval of Amendment to the 2010-2011 General Handbook: Internet Subsidy Policy (attached)
  - f. Approval of Revision to the 2010-2011 State Specific School Handbook: Diploma Requirements (attached)
  - g. Approval of Revision to the 2010-2011 State Specific School Handbook: Promotion (attached)
  - h. Approval of the Title I Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan (attached)
  - i. Authorization for School to Engage Board Counsel to Assist with EduJobs Funding
  
- VIII. Action Items
  - a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for October (attached) – S. Millard
  
- IX. Information Items
  - a. Legislative Update – M. Revenaugh
  - b. Buckeye Charter School Board Association Update – G. Schuster
  - c. OCCS Representative Update – L. Schafer/M. Trzcinski
  
- X. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – Friday, January 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

## 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 October 22, 2010 Meeting**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Heather Woodward

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

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

**b. Approval of Staffing Report**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Ray Lambert

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines several candidates that the Principal is recommending for hire. The staffing report includes the candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date and is being presented to approval. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any employees receiving promotions for Board review and approval.

**c. Approval of Bank Reconciliation**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Ted Ochs

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Ms. Millard and CA independently prepare a bank reconciliation, Board approval is requested.

**d. Approval of Renewal of Fiscal Officer Agreement**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Gene Schuster

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Included in the Board materials is the proposed renewal agreement with Ms. Millard, Board Fiscal Officer. Board consideration and approval is requested.

**e. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 General Handbook: Internet Subsidy Policy**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Ray Lambert

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Included in the Board package for Board consideration is a revision to the General Handbook's current Internet Subsidy Policy. Board approval of the changes is requested.

**f. Approval of Revision to 2010-2011 State Specific School Handbook: Diploma Requirements**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Ray Lambert

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Included in the Board materials for consideration is a memo that outlines the school's desire to establish the eligibility criteria for a student to receive a diploma from the school. Board approval of the revision to the State Specific School Handbook is requested.

**g. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 General Handbook: Promotion**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ray Lambert**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval**

**BACKGROUND:** Included in the Board package for Board consideration is a revision to the General Handbook's current promotion process. Board approval of the revision is requested.

**h. Approval of the Title I Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ray Lambert**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval**

**BACKGROUND:** All schools who receive 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 outlines 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. In addition to the School-Parent Compact it is recommended that each school develop a written parent involvement plan for all families whose children are participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That plan is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. Board approval of the Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan is requested.

**i. Authorization for School to Engage Board Counsel to Assist with EduJobs Funding**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval**

**BACKGROUND:** The school is seeking EduJobs funding and to comply with all requirements and would like to engage Board Counsel to assist with the pursuit of the funding. Board approval is requested.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for October**

**PRESENTER:** Stephanie Millard

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Ms. Millard will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoice and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_