



**NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (NCA)
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, notice is hereby given to the members of the NCA Board and the general public that the NCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Tuesday August 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Held at the following locations:

Nevada Connections Academy
5690 Riggins Ct, Suite B
Reno, NV 89502

And via teleconference:

800-504-8071; 184-9889#

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.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Jerry Krummel at (775) 826-4200. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Castle
- II. Roll Call – J. Castle
- III. Public Comments and Discussion. Public comment may be limited to ten minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Action may not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on the agenda as an action item.
- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Castle
- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report – J. Krummel
 - i. Summer Activities
 - ii. 2009 Enrollment Update
 - iii. Update on Annual Evaluation Report from NVDOE
 - iv. Training and Staffing Update
 - v. AYP Update

- b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
 - i. Audit Update
 - ii. State Financial Update

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2009 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of 2009-2010 Base Salaries and Incentive Percentage, Career Ladder Positions and Home-Worker Stipends (attached)

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Consideration and Approval of the Connections Academy of Nevada Invoices for June and July (attached) – K. Mitchell
 - b. Approval of Revised Staffing Model for 2009-2010 School Year – J. Krummel/T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Board Designee to Work on Health Insurance Plan Renewal – T. Ochs

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update (attached) – C. Butz
 - b. Annual Board Approval Calendar (attached) – H. Woodward
 - c. Board Academy 2009 (attached) – H. Woodward
 - d. Update on National Charter School Conference – J. Castle
 - e. Update on EMO Evaluation – J. Castle

- IX. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – September 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. PT.

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by the Nevada Open Meeting Law N.R.S 241.020(2) on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

- (1) Lionel Sawyer & Collins, 1100 Bank of America Plaza, 50 West Liberty Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (2) Nevada Connections Academy, 5690 Riggins Court, Suite B, Reno, NV 89502
- (3) Downtown Reno Library, 301 S Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (4) Save Mart, 195 W Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509
- (5) Washoe County Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV 89501

Further in compliance with NRS 241.020, this Agenda has been posted on the official website for the Nevada Connections Academy, www.connectionsacademy.com

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.

a. Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2009 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: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

c. Approval 2009-2010 Base Salaries and Incentive Percentage, Career Ladder Positions and Home-Worker Stipends

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The report included with the Board materials contains the employee's name, position with the school, base salary, and bonus potential. The report identifies Career Ladder positions and home-worker stipends. Board review and approval of the report and information contained therein is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration and Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoices for June and July

PRESENTER: Kirsten Mitchell

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Mitchell will review the invoices for the months derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoices and authorization to make payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

b. Approval of Revised Staffing Model for 2009-2010 School Year

PRESENTER: Jerry Krummel/Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Krummel and Mr. Ochs will review the item with the Board and discuss changing the sixth grade staffing model. The proposed changes would result in the student teacher ratio for sixth grade to be 35:1 versus the current 50:1 as well as result in the need for one additional teacher. The school will seek Board approval to move forward with this model.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

c. Approval of Board Designee to Work on Health Insurance Plan Renewal

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will ask the Board to designate a Board member to work with the school and Connections Academy on the renewal of the Health Insurance Plan that will be brought back to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____