



**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 April 20, 2010 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 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. Castle

- V. CLOSED SESSION
 - Pursuant to NRS 241.030(1)(a), a closed session will be held for purposes to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of persons, Ms. Stacey Hine and Ms. Jennifer Dukek, as School Principal candidates (to follow) – J. Castle

- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Krummel
 - i. Update on State Testing
 - ii. Update on End of Year Activities and Graduation Planning
 - iii. Recent State Reporting (including Annual Evaluation Results)
 - iv. Recent Teacher Training
 - v. Update on Recent Outreach Activities
 - b. Principal and Assistant Principal Recruitment – S. Stagner
 - c. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
 - i. Draft Budget Review and Public Hearing – May 18, 2010
 - ii. Per Pupil Funding Update

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the March 16, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached)
 - d. Approval of Curriculum for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached)
 - e. Approval of Homeless Student Policy (to follow)
 - f. Approval of Revision to the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 State Specific School Handbook: Policy for Promotion of 8th Grade Students to High School on Academic Probation (to follow)
 - g. Approval of Out of State Field Trip (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Consideration and Approval of Hiring of School Principal/Executive Director –J. Castle
 - b. Approval of Connections Academy on Nevada Invoice for March (attached) – K. Mitchell
 - c. Approval of Timeline for Board Approval of 2010-2011 Fee Schedule with Connections Academy of Nevada – T. Ochs
 - d. Approval of 2009-2010 Count Day Related Bonus for Staff (attached) – J. Krummel
 - e. Approval of Summer School Scholarship Procedure (attached) – J. Krummel

- IX. Information Items
 - a. Legislative and Department Non-Regulatory Guidance Update – C. Butz
 - b. NVDOE Offered Training – Charter School Governing Bodies: Duties, Rights and Responsibilities (attached) – J. Castle/H. Woodward
 - c. Quarterly Board Attendance Update (attached) – H. Woodward

- X. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – May 18, 2010 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 March 16, 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: 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 of School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 school year outlines the base salaries and additional incentives for teachers. The School Compensation Plan has been reviewed and agreed to by the school leadership, and Board adoption of the School Compensation Plan for the 2010-2011 school year is requested.

d. Approval of Curriculum for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Pat Hoge

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Hoge has prepared a memo to the Board detailing the curriculum offerings for the 2010-2011 school year, as done each year, and is requesting Board approval.

e. Approval of Revision to the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 State Specific School Handbook: Policy for Promotion of 8th Grade Students to High School on Academic Probation (attached)

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Nevada law required students to be promoted to high school from grade 8 under certain circumstances. NRS 392.033(4) requires the Board of each school district to adopt a policy as detailed in the materials.

f. Approval of Out of State Field Trip

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting permission for an out of state field trip as included in the Board materials. No expenditure by NCA is anticipated.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration and Approval the Hiring of a School Principal

PRESENTER: Jamie Castle

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Board will consider extending an offer for a school Principal, to be directly employed by CA of Nevada, based on their review and discussion during Closed Session.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

b. Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for March

PRESENTER: Kirsten Mitchell

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

c. Approval of Timeline for Board Approval of 2010-2011 Fee Schedule with Connections Academy of Nevada

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will review with the Board the timeline for Board approval of the 2010-2011 Fee Schedule with Connections Academy of Nevada and seek Board approval of the timeline.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

d. Approval of 2009-2010 Count Day Related Bonus for Staff

PRESENTER: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Krummel will review the schools Count Day work and the school's desire to give the staff a onetime bonus of \$500 per full time employee (including administrative support, teachers, leadership, etc.) who was employed on September 25, 2010 (Count Day) for the additional work required for the school to meet the requirements and to obtain funding for enrolled students. Mr. Krummel will review the recommendation with the Board and seek Board approval.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____

e. Approval of Summer School Scholarship Procedure

PRESENTER: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Krummel will review the recommended procedure for the school to follow when it awards summer school scholarships with the Board and seek Board approval.

Motion:_____ Second:_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____