



APPROVED 6/25/14

Oklahoma Connections Academy
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. CT

Held at the following location and via Teleconference:
Skirvin Hilton
1 Park Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

I. Call to Order

Mr. Shumate called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Jabar Shumate, Stuart Jolly, Laura Sanders and Bob Sullivan (in person); Jennifer Williams (via phone);

Guests: Tammy Shepherd, School Leader; David Schmidt, Connections staff (in person); Rachel Bailey, and Laura Karns, Connections Education Staff (via phone).

III. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Shumate asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. He asked whether the Board had any changes to the agenda. There being no changes requested, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the April 23, 2014 Oklahoma Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Oral Reports

a. Update on EPSA with Connections Academy of Oklahoma, LLC

Mr. Shumate updated the Board on the implementation progress and timeline of the Educational Products and Services Agreement (EPSA) finalization with Connections.

b. Update on Charter Contract

Mr. Jolly reviewed with the Board the Charter implementation progress and negotiations with the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board on various items including student-teacher ratios and fee percentages.

c. Update on Facility Sublease

Mr. Jolly provided the Board with an update on the search for a school facility. Ms. Shepard advised the Board that the current lease is for three years and not an immediate concern. The Board agreed to consider the item during a future meeting.

d. Principal's Report

Ms. Shepherd reviewed the Principal's Report documentation provided in the Board package. She reviewed the school's current enrollment numbers and demographics.

i. School Highlights and Accolades

Ms. Shepherd reviewed student accomplishments and accolades with the Board.

ii. Update on State Testing

Ms. Shepherd reviewed recent state testing participation rates with the Board.

e. Financial Report

i. Update on Establishing a Bank Account

Mr. Jolly advised the Board the bank account is now established with himself and Ms. Williams as authorized signers.

V. Consent Items

Mr. Shumate asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being none, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2014 Meeting; and
- b. Approval of Employee Handbook; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Emergency Response Plan

Ms. Shepherd reviewed the Emergency Response Plan provided in the Board meeting materials. She further explained that Board approval of the plan is required for accreditation as it covers the school's protocol for emergency situations including inclement weather, natural disasters, fire, and field trip emergencies. The Board expressed their support of the plan. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Response Plan, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Information Items

a. Legislative Update

Mr. Schmidt provided the Board with an update on the recent legislative activities in Oklahoma, which may impact the school.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – May 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. CT

Connections will poll the Board to establish a May meeting date as the Board expressed conflicts with the scheduled meeting. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.