



APPROVED 06/22/2017

North Carolina Connections Academy
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Held at the following location and via teleconference:
2700 Meridian Parkway, Suite 300
Durham, NC 27713

I. Call to Order

Dr. Setser called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The meeting location was open for the public to attend.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bryan Setser, Kristin Cuilla, Bridget Phifer and Joyce Loveless (in person); and Eric Strother (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Donna Sullivan and Catherine Edmonds;

Guests Present: Nathan Currie, School leader; David Schmidt, Vality Consulting, David Hostetler, Board Counsel (all via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Setser asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 19, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. CLOSED SESSION

- a. § 143-318.11(a)(3) – To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged
- b. § 143-618.11(a)(6) – To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee

The Board entered into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m. upon a motion being made by Dr. Setser, seconded by Dr. Cuilla, and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board Members present, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-618.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Board members in attendance to begin the session were: Bryan Setser, Eric Strother, Bridget Phifer, Kristin Cuilla and JJoyce Loveless. Guests invited by the Board to attend were: David Hostetter, David Schmidt and Nathan Currie. All others left the meeting at this time.

The Board ended Closed Session and entered into open session at 2:49 .m. upon a motion being made by Dr. Setser, seconded by Ms. Loveless, and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board Members present.

VI. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Closed Session

Dr. Setser reminded the Board of the following actions taken within Closed Session:

A motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Bridget Phifer is appointed as Board Designee to address the Education Management Organization (EMO) and Superintendent Evaluation, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Bryan Setser is appointed as Board Designee to send a letter to the State signaling that the EMO evaluation process is delayed, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Board Counsel, David Hostetter, will ensure the Board is following all of the appropriate legal processes to the State, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Setser and seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that Eric Strother is appointed as Board Designee to work with David Schmidt of Vality Consulting to work on a budget and different salary scale and to approve a draft by June 30, 2017 through Fiscal Year 2018, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Setser and seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that Nathan Currie is released to hire, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Cuilla and seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that Bryan Setser is appointed as Board Designee to work with Board Counsel to approval all communciations to Connections, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Annual Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. upon a motion being made by Dr. Setser, seconded by Ms. Phifer and confirmed by all Board members present. The annual meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.