



Arizona Connections Academy (ACA) Board Meeting

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02., notice is hereby given to the members of the ACA Board and the general public that the ACA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Friday, September 12, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Arizona time

Held At:

Arizona Connections Academy
1017 South Gilbert Road, Suite 210
Mesa, AZ 85204

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.02. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Linda Harless at (480) 782-5842. 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 – M. Wall
- II. Roll Call – M. Wall
- III. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – M. Wall
- IV. Oral Report
 - a. Introduction of CA Regional Director, Tom Herdtner – E. Grier
 - b. Principal's Report (MSR to follow) – L. Harless
 - i. Enrollment Update
 - ii. 2007-2008 School Goals Update (attached)
 - iii. AYP Results (to follow)
 - iv. Change in Attendance Procedures (to follow)
 - c. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
 - i. 501(c)3 Update
 - ii. 2008-2009 Fiscal Audit Update
- V. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2008 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of Legal Invoice (attached)
 - d. Approval of Renewal of Directors and Officers' (D&O) Insurance (attached)
 - e. Approval of Designating the School Principal to Complete and Submit the Annual Report Card
 - f. Approval of Driving Policy (attached)
 - g. Approval of Revised School Compensation for the 2008-2009 School Year (attached)

- VI. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoices for July and August (attached) – T. Ochs
 - b. Approval Designating Board Member to Finalize the Annual Financial Report – T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to Arizona Academic Standards (attached) – L. Harless
 - d. Approval of Revised 2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule (attached) – H. Woodward

- VII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – M. Revenaugh
 - b. Update on Board Training – H. Woodward

- VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – November 14, 2008 at 8:00 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.

a. Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2008 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Farah Esmail

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: Linda Harless

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 candidates 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 Legal Invoice

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Farah Esmail

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: An invoice for legal services rendered for the school is being presented for Board approval.

d. Approval of Renewal of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board packet is the documentation of the terms for the renewal of D&O Insurance policy for the Board. The terms and conditions of this insurance coverage will not change from those in the D&O policy for the Board for the 2007-2008 school year. The cost of the premium for this D&O insurance coverage is obtained at a significant discount, due to the school's contractual relationship with CA through the Professional Services Agreement between ACA and CA.

e. Approval of Designating the School Principal to Complete and Submit the Annual Report Card

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Annual Report Card is due to the ASBCS in its electronic format on October 31, 2008 and will be seeking Board approval of completion and submission by the deadline by the school's Principal.

f. Approval of Driving Policy

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board materials is a memo and description of the proposed school policy regarding driving by students to school events.

g. Approval of Revised School Compensation for the 2008-2009 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The School Compensation Overview for the 2008-2009 school year that was approved by the Board in March has been revised and is included in the Board package for Board consideration. The Board approved a base salary of \$28,750 as presented, however, the base salary approved should have been \$25,000. The base salary has been corrected and Board adoption of the school compensation for the 2008-2009 school year is requested.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoices for July and August

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will review the invoices as they relate to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. He will request approval of the invoices and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval Designating Board Member to Finalize the Annual Financial Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs/Farah Esmail

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Annual Financial Report is due to be submitted to the State by October 15th in the format prescribed by the State. The Board is requested to approve a Board designee to help finalize the Annual Financial Report with Mr. Ochs for submission to the State.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to Arizona Academic Standards

PRESENTER: Linda Harless

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Harless will review the Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to State Academic Standards with the Board and will be seeking Board approval.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Revised 2008-2009 Board Meeting Schedule

PRESENTER: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Woodward will review with the Board the need to revise the 2008-2009 Board meeting schedule to add a meeting on October 10, 2008 and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____