



APPROVED 1/18/2012

GEORGIA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. ET
Held at the following location (and via teleconference):
Georgia Connections Academy
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208
Duluth, GA 30097

I. Call to Order

Ms. Hug called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The school location and phone line were open for the public to attend.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Alisa Hug, Greg Michell, Charlotte Collins and Joy Berry (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Oney Temple and Steve Julal;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Principal (in person); Peter Robertson, Barrie Drum, Shawn Soltz and Megann Arthur, Connections Education Staff (via phone).

III. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hug asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, and no further discussion, Dr. Berry made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Michell as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the November 16, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Oral Reports

a. Principal's Report

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with an update on recent activities at the school, including those of Community Coordinators around the state. She reviewed recent enrollment numbers with the Board, as well as trainings and conferences being attended by school staff members.

b. Financial Report

Mr. Soltz reviewed the financial information contained in the Board materials with the Board. He reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue and expense statements. Mr. Soltz outlined the proposed changes included in the revised fee schedule in the Board materials. He also outlined proposed benefit changes for 2012 for the school, and advised the Board that a memo detailing those would be included in the January Board meeting materials. Mr. Julal further advised Board members that he had reviewed all documentation with Mr. Soltz previous to the Board meeting, and that all financial statements appeared to be in order.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hug 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. The Board moved Consent Item (d) Approval of Public Comment Policy to Action Items for discussion. There being no additional items moved, Dr. Berry made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mitchell as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2011 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Legal Invoice(s);
- e. Approval of Board Delegation Policy;
- f. Approval of Revisions to General School Handbook for the 2011-2012 School Year: Non-Discrimination and Student Safety Policy;
- g. Approval of Revision to the State Specific School Handbook for the 2011-2012 School Year: Expelled Student Policy, as amended at the meeting;
- h. Approval of Revised Compensation Plan for the 2011-2012 School Year; and
- i. Approval of Revised Fee Schedule for the 2011-2012 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Action Items**

a. Approval of the Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for October

Mr. Julal reviewed in detail the CA invoice for the month of October as drawn from the financial report presented earlier in the meeting and contained in the Board materials. He asked the Board members whether they had any questions on the invoice or required any further explanation. Mr. Julal further advised the Board that payments will be made to Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC based on the availability of funds. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Collins as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for the month of October, in the amount of \$333,229.35, is hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Board Questionnaire Policy

Dr. Berry reviewed the Board Questionnaire Policy, as included in the Board materials. She reminded the Board members that feedback on previous drafts had been requested prior to the Board meeting, and any revisions requested had been included in the final version. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Michell and seconded by Ms. Collins as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Questionnaire Policy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Public Comment Policy

Ms. Arthur briefly reviewed the proposed policy for handling public comment at Board meetings. She advised Board members that the policy was drafted in cooperation with Connections, school leadership and Board Counsel. Board members discussed the policy, and requested "school-related items" be added to the description of comments considered, and the time allotted for presentations be changed to ten (10) minutes. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Berry and seconded by Ms. Collins as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Questionnaire Policy, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items

a. Legislative Update

Ms. Drum provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Michell to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.