



APPROVED 8/15/2012

GEORGIA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2012 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 6:14 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 (in person), Steve Julal and Richard Thompson (via phone);
Board Members Absent: Charlotte Collins;

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

Mr. Robertson introduced Ms. Nelson to the Board and advised the Board that she will be assuming the role of Director of Schools to support Georgia Connections Academy for the upcoming school year.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hug asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. The Board requested that Item XI, Interview with Board Member Candidate, Mike Disham be tabled until a future meeting. There being no further discussion, Mr. Thompson made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 13, 2012 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Executive Session – O.C.G.A §§ 50-14-3 – to discuss the employment, compensation or periodic evaluation of an employee

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. via a roll call vote of the Board pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-2 to conduct an end-of-year performance evaluation of the school principal. Board members in attendance were: Alisa Hug, Steve Julal, and Richard Thompson. Guests in attendance were Peter Robertson, Missy Nelson, Evie Uhlfelder and Megann Arthur. After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 6:35 p.m.

No action was taken during closed session.

VI. Action Resulting from Executive Session

a. Approval of School Principal Bonus for 2011-2012 School Year and Compensation for 2012-2013 School Year

Mr. Robertson reminded the Board of their discussion regarding the School Principal compensation during the Executive Session, as well as Mr. Robertson's explanation that the bonus amount would be discussed at a later date as it will be based on school performance for the current school year that the school will be notified of in the fall.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the school principal compensation of \$82,000, with a 15% bonus potential, for the 2012-2013 School Year, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Robinson and Ms. Drum joined the meeting at 6:36]

VII. Oral Reports

a. Principal's Report

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with an update on recent school activities. She reviewed the Monthly School Report with Board members, and reviewed the upcoming school year enrollment and staffing projections.

[Mr. Soltz joined the meeting at 6:40]

b. Financial Report

Mr. Soltz reviewed the financial information included in the Board materials with the Board. He reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue and expense statements with the Board. Mr. Julal added that he had also reviewed the financial statements and all appeared to be in order. The Board discussed the process for legal invoice payments to Board Counsel.

VIII. 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. There being no items moved, Mr. Julal made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2012 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2012-2013 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Action Items

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

Mr. Julal reviewed in detail the CA invoice for the month of May 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. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Julal and seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for the month of May, in the amount of \$478,999.15, as presented, is hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of School Office Expansion for the 2012-2013 School Year and Designation of the Board President to Select, Negotiate and Execute all Documents Related to Securing Additional Space

Ms. Robinson reviewed the school's continued enrollment growth, and need for additional space for staff at the school location. The Board discussed the current spaces becoming available for use in the building, and noted their support of the school office expansion.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Office Expansion for the 2012-2013 School Year and Designation of the Board President to Select, Negotiate and Execute all Documents Related to Securing Additional Space, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Directors

Ms. Arthur presented this item to the Board. She reviewed the current slate of Board members, and advised the Board that all current members had expressed an interest in renewing their terms for another school year. Ms. Arthur also discussed with the Board the advantages to staggering Board member terms. There being no further discussion, Ms. Collins made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the approval of Alisa Hug as a Director of the Georgia Connections Academy Board, for a term of three (3) years, expiring at the 2015 Annual Meeting, is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval of Steve Julal and Richard Thompson, as Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy Board, each for a term of two (2) years, expiring at the 2014 Annual Meeting, is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval of Charlotte Collins, as Director of the Georgia Connections Academy Board, or a term of one (1) year, expiring at the 2013 Annual Meeting, is hereby approved.

The motions passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Officers for the 2012-2013 School Year

Ms. Arthur presented this item to the Board. She indicated that as this was the Annual meeting of the Board, the Board needed to nominate the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board members present had discussion on this item. Nominations were opened for the position of Board President. Alisa Hug was nominated for the position of Board President. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Alisa Hug, for the position of Board President for the 2012-2013 school year, be hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Nominations were opened for the position of Board Vice President. Richard Thompson was nominated for the position of Board Vice President. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Julal and seconded by Ms. Hug as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Richard Thompson for the position of Board Vice President for the 2012-2013 school year, be hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations were opened for the position of Board Treasurer. Steve Julal was nominated for the position of Board Treasurer. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Hug as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Steve Julal for the position of Board Treasurer for the 2012-2013 school year, be hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations were opened for the position of Board Secretary. Charlotte Collins was nominated for the position of Board Secretary. There being no further nominations, a motion was made Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Hug as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Charlotte Collins for the position of Board Secretary for the 2012-2013 school year, be hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval of Board Treasurer as Board Designee to Work with the School to Finalize and Execute all Necessary Revisions to the School's Implementation Grant Budget

Mr. Soltz reviewed the current progress of the school's implementation grant budget, and the expected necessary revisions based on state feedback. He further discussed with the Board the option to approve the Board Treasurer to authorize the necessary revisions to the School's Implementation Grant Budget on behalf of the Board.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hug and seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Treasurer as Board Designee to Work with the School to Finalize and Execute all Necessary Revisions to the School's Implementation Grant Budget, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

X. Information Items

a. Legislative Update

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

XI. Interview with Board Member Candidate, Mike Disham

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

XII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.