

APPROVED 11/19/13
Maine Connections Academy, Inc. (MCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Held At:
Portland Regency Hotel & Spa
Twenty Milk Street Restaurant
20 Milk Street
Portland, ME 04101
and
via teleconference: 800-747-5150, access code 332-2815#

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Volk called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The meeting was open to the public.

Board Members Present: Amy Volk, Carol Weston, Nick McGee and Julie Hannon;

Board Members Absent: Ruth Summers, Bob Reed and Peter Bouchard;

Guests: Pat Laystrom, Marci Carter and Lyn McCullen; Connections Staff.

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Volk asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 22, 2013 Maine Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Charter Commission

Ms. Laystrom updated the Board on recent communications with the Charter Commission, and discussed the rules of the Charter Commission with regards to the charter application. Ms. Weston advised the Board on an upcoming workshop on July 30, 2013 that would discuss specifics of the RFP, and reviewed details that should be included in the RFP.

b. Update on Advocacy

Ms. Laystrom advised the Board on the advantages of having parent advocates, and further detailed ways the Connections Education State Relations team will assist the Board in identifying parent advocates.

c. Update on Connections Education

Ms. Laystrom discussed the Board's partnership with Connections Education, and the products and services Connections can provide to support them. The Board discussed differences between Connections and other Educational Services Providers.

IV. Consent Items

Ms. Volk asked the Board Members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wanted moved to Action Items for discussion. There being no items moved from the Consent Items, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Item:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2012 Board Meeting; is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Items

a. Approval of Board Members

This item was tabled to a future meeting when all members could be present.

b. Approval of Board Officers

Ms. Laystrom advised the Board that Ms. Summers had indicated her desire to step down as Board President, but still remain a member of the Board. Ms. Volk volunteered to serve in the role of Board President, and Board members discussed her candidacy. The Board requested to table this item to a future meeting when all members could be present.

VI. Information Items

a. Connections Board Academy – September 29, 2013 – October 1, 2013

Ms. Laystrom discussed Connections' Board Academy and the dates planned for the event. Ms. Volk discussed with the Board her attendance at the 2012 Board Academy and encouraged other Board members to attend this year.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting at the Call of the Chair

Ms. Volk noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting was scheduled to be held at the call of the Board Chair. At 8:56 p.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Maine Connections Academy, Inc. July 22, 2013 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.