



**MICHIGAN CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (MICA)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. ET

Held at the following location, please note the change in location:

Michigan Connections Academy
2140 University Park, Suite 270
Okemos, MI 48864

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Bryan Klochack at 517-507-5390. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; preferably four (4) business days prior to the meeting, but no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a meeting of the public. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – L. Frost
- II. Public Comment (limited to agenda items only) – L. Frost

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Public Comment and Extended Public Comment are requested to sign in with the Recording Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board.

- III. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – L. Frost

- IV. Business Management/Report
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – B. Klochack
 - i. State Testing Update
 - ii. Update on Graduation Plans
 - iii. Fusion Academy Update (MSR attached)
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Soltz
 - i. Update on Audit Engagement
 - ii. Implementation Grant Budget Revisions
 - c. Ferris State University Representative – L. Robinson
- V. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2012 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Connections Education Invoice for MICA Fusion (attached)
 - c. Approval of Curriculum for the 2012-2013 School Year (attached)
 - d. Approval of Revised Implementation Grant Budget (attached)
 - e. Approval of 2012-2013 School Year Calendar (attached)
- VI. Action Items (Business Items)
 - a. Approval of CA of Michigan, LLC Invoice for February (attached) – L. Frost
 - b. Approval of Board Treasurer – L. Frost
 - c. Approval of Offering a School-Paid Summer School Program for 2012 – B. Klochack
- VII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Report – D. Schmidt
 - b. Board Member Notary Public Survey from FSU (attached) – H. Woodward
- VIII. Extended Public Comment (non-agenda items only)
- IX. Comments from the Board
- X. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – April 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at Michigan Connections Academy's office, 2140 University Park, Suite 270, Okemos, MI 48867, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved [Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267].

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 February 15, 2012 Board Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Approval of Connections Education Invoice for MICA Fusion

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Shawn Soltz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is an invoice for the MICA Fusion derived from the agreement the Board passed in an earlier meeting. Board approval for payment of the invoice is requested.

c. Approval of Curriculum for the 2012-2013 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Pat Hoge

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Dr. Hoge has prepared a memo to the Board detailing the curriculum offerings for the 2012-2013 school year, as done each year, and is requesting Board approval.

d. Approval of Revised Implementation Grant Budget

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Shawn Soltz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is a revised Implementation Grant Budget for the school. As discussed during the Financial Report, the school has received \$50,000 in additional implementation grant funds that the school would like to use to purchase laptops to assist with state testing. Board approval of the revised budget is requested.

e. Approval of 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Bryan Klochack

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school calendar has been reviewed by the school's leadership team and Connections Academy and Board approval is requested.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA of Michigan, LLC Invoice for January

PRESENTER: Linda Frost

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Frost will review the invoices as they relate to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoice and authorization to make wire payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of Board Treasurer

PRESENTER: Linda Frost

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Board will be looking to nominate the Treasurer for the Board for the 2011-2012 school year and appoint him/her at the meeting.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of Offering a School-Paid Summer School Program for 2012

PRESENTER: Bryan Klochack

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Klochack will request the Board allocated \$20,000 of Title I funds to provide summer school for eligible students for the 2011-2012 school year. Board approval will be requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____