



**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
BOARD MEETING**

Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, notice is hereby given to the members of the SCCA Board and the general public that the SCCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Held at the following locations:

220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403
Columbia, SC 29210

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Allison Reaves at 803-212-4712, Ext. 301. 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 – J. Flora
- II. Roll Call – J. Flora
- III. Public Comment

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in-person and telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the school principal by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Principal at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Board grants additional time.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Principal at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "About Us" page at www.connectionsacademy.com

- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Flora

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR and Principal's Report attached) – A. Reaves
 - i. Enrollment Update
 - ii. South Carolina Association of Public Charter Schools Membership
 - iii. Personnel and the School's Hiring Process
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka
 - i. Interest Sweep Feature

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the October 20, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of Title I Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan (attached)
 - d. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 State Specific Handbook – Promotion (attached)
 - e. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 State Specific Handbook – Enrollment of Expelled Students (attached)
 - f. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 General Handbook – Internet Subsidy Policy (attached)
 - g. Approval of Revised Board Meeting Schedule (attached)

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for October (attached) – G. Prince

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel/M. Revenaugh
 - i. EduJobs Funding Update
 - ii. Election Update and Impact
 - b. Board Training – M. Wrisley
 - c. Old and New Business – J. Flora

- IX. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – January 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.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 October 20, 2010 Board Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

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

b. Approval of the Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

c. Approval of the Title I Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: All schools who receive funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must develop a written school-parent compact jointly with parents for all children participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That compact is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards. In addition to the School-Parent Compact it is recommended that each school develop a written parent involvement plan for all families whose children are participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That plan is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. Board approval of the Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Plan is requested.

d. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 State Specific Handbook – Promotion

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board package for Board consideration is an addition to the school's State Specific Handbook, a Promotion Policy. Board approval of the changes is requested.

e. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 State Specific Handbook –Enrollment of Expelled Students

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board package for Board consideration is a revision to the State Specific Handbook's current policy on the Enrollment of Expelled Students. Board approval of the changes is requested.

f. Approval of Amendment to 2010-2011 General Handbook – Internet Subsidy Policy

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board package for Board consideration is a revision to the General Handbook's current Internet Subsidy Policy. Board approval of the changes is requested.

g. Approval of Revised Board Meeting Schedule

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is a revised Board meeting schedule showing revisions to the January meeting. The January meeting is scheduled in conflict with another meeting for the school, so the school would ask the Board to meet the following Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Approval of the revised Board meeting schedule is requested.

Motion:_____ **Second:**_____

Ayes:_____ **Nays:**_____

ACTION ITEMS

a. **Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for October**

PRESENTER: Gary Prince

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Prince will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. He will request approval of the invoice, and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____