



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, January 26, 2011 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. Acceptance of Resignation of Board Member, Carla Champion (attached) – J. Flora
- V. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Flora

- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter - S.C.C. § 30-4-70 (a)(1) – for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by public body (to follow) – E. Grier
- VII. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
 - a. Review and Acceptance of the Form 990 (attached) – J. Marhefka
- VIII. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR and Principal's Report attached) – A. Reaves
 - i. Teacher's Panel
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka
- IX. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 17, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval for Opening Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year
 - d. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent/Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement and Eligible Student Agreement (attached)
 - e. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students (attached)
- X. Action Items
 - a. Ratification of Connections Academy Invoice for November (attached) – G. Prince
 - b. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for December (attached) – G. Prince
 - c. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year – J. Marhefka
 - d. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections Academy (CA) and School to Secure a Facility Lease (to follow) – M. Wisley
- XI. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel/P. Laystrom
 - b. New Board Member Training – J. Flora/C. Baird/P. Moyi
 - c. Board Recruitment – M. Wisley
 - d. Old and New Business – J. Flora
 - e. Board Engagement Discussion – J. Flora
- XII. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – February 16, 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 November 17, 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 for Opening Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Janet Marhefka

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school is requesting Board approval to begin enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year effective April 1, 2011. Board approval of the opening enrollment date is requested.

d. Approval of Agreements for Student Enrollment for 2011-2012 School Year: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement, Designated Learning Coach Agreement , and Eligible Student Agreement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Megann Wrisley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Parent Agreements, consisting of the Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement (PLCA) and Designated Learning Coach Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year are being presented for Board approval. These have not changed in substance from the forms approved by the Board for the 2010-2011 school year, but merely update the school year and contain minor format and typographical corrections. Board approval of these Parent Agreements, is requested.

e. Approval of Offering Summer School to Students

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Janet Marhefka

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Last year the Board authorized National Connections Academy, a private school program run by Connections Academy to work with the school's leader to review the enrolled students that could benefit from taking Summer School courses through National Connections Academy. The memo outlines the benefits of the program and seeks Board approval for the school leader to work with National Connections Academy to communicate the details about the summer school opportunity to the school's students and families.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____
Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Ratification of Connections Academy Invoice for November

PRESENTER: Gary Prince

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Prince will review the ratification of the November invoice as payment has been made to Connections Academy (CA) in accordance with the Board of Directors' prior approval and direction concerning the advancing of funds for payment of the CA invoice by the Treasurer. Mr. Prince will review the support for payment of the invoice. Ratification of this payment is being requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for December

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: _____

c. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year

PRESENTER: Janet Marhefka

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Based on the 2010-2011 projected enrollment of approximately 2,400 students, which represents a growth of 900 students from the 2009-2010 school year, Ms. Marhefka will review the proposed funded enrollment target of 2,800 students for the 2011-2012 school year with the Board and seek Board direction and approval for a target. Much of the 2011-2012 planning will be based on this funded enrollment target established by the Board.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections Academy (CA) and School to Secure a Facility Lease

PRESENTER: Allison Reaves

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Reaves will review the proposed facility and terms of the lease for the school's location with the Board and seek Board approval of a Board designee to work with the school leader and CA to finalize and execute the lease in substantially the same form as the terms included in the Board materials.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____