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Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting was open to the public.

Mr. Beck conducted a Roll Call. All present in person and via phone introduced themselves.

Board Members Present: Dennis Beck, Virginia Walden Ford and Carla Hartwell;

Guests: Bryce Adams, Pat Laystrom, Lyn McCullen, Melissa Nelson, Andrew Pasquinilli and Heather Woodward; Connections staff (via phone).

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Beck 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 October 19, 2015 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting

Board members considered the Minutes from the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Beck asked Board members if they had any recommended changes. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Charter Application

Mr. Adams provided the Board with an update on the charter application. He reviewed the recent hearing and Board interview held. Mr. Adams reviewed the recent tabling of the Boards application and the receipt

of the follow up questions received from the interview panel. Mr. Adams noted that most of the answers to the questions are already contained in the charter application that was submitted to the panel and are ready for resubmittal to the panel. The Board discussed the uniqueness to their Arkansas Connections Academy proposed school. The Board had further discussion on the socialization aspects of virtual education and a white paper that has been published on the matter.

Mr. Adams noted that the next hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2015 at which time the Board anticipates a vote on the application.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval for Board President to Finalize and Submit Any Follow Up Charter Related Correspondence on Behalf of the Board

Mr. Adams presented this item to the Board and reminded the Board of the follow up questions received from the interview panel and the need for the Board to respond to the questions. The Board discussed their desire to have Dennis Beck coordinate and submit the responses on behalf of the Board. Mr. Beck confirmed his desire to act on the Boards behalf in this matter. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President, Dennis Beck, to submit responses to finalize and submit any follow up Charter related correspondence on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of Job Description for School Leader and Recruitment Plan and Authorization for Connections to Post the Job Description and Begin Recruitment for the School Leader

The Board discussed the School Leader job description and the steps of the hiring process. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the job description for School Leader and recruitment plan and authorization for Connections to post the job description and begin recruitment for the School Leader, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections on Recruitment for the School Leader

Ms. Nelson presented this item to the Board. The Board discussed the interview process, steps and plans for recruitment of the school leader. The Board nominated Dennis Beck to be the Board designee. Mr. Beck confirmed his desire to serve in this capacity. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Dennis Beck as Board designee to work with Connections on recruitment for the School Leader, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections on Student Handbooks

Ms. Nelson presented this item to the Board. The Board nominated Virginia Walden Ford to be the Board designee. Ms. Ford confirmed her desire to serve in this capacity. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Virginia Walden Ford as Board designee to work with Connections on Student Handbooks, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections on the Facility Lease Negotiation

Mr. Adams presented this item to the Board. The Board nominated Carla Hartwell to be the Board designee. Ms. Hartwell confirmed her desire to serve in this capacity. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Carla Hartwell as Board designee to work with Connections on facility lease negotiation, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – November 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Beck noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting was scheduled to be held November 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:37 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. October 19, 2015 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.