



APPROVED 03/02/16
Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was open to the public. Mr. Beck conducted a Roll Call.

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

Guests: Bryce Adams, Melissa Nelson, Jay W. Ragley 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 changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the February 15, 2016 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2016 Board Meeting

Board members considered the Minutes from the January 19, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Beck asked Board members if they had any recommended changes. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the January 19, 2016 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Engagement of Board Counsel, Jennifer Flinn

Mr. Beck provided the Board with an update. He provided an update on work that is being conducted with Ms. Flinn on behalf of the Board. Mr. Beck provided an update on the Sole Source process and the timeline with the Board.

b. Update on RFP Process

Mr. Beck provided the Board with an update on the current status of the RFP process and noted that the 30 day posting period will be completed on March 2, 2016.

c. Update on Charter Contract with Arkansas Department of Education

Mr. Adams presented this item to the Board, advising the Board that the Arkansas Department of Education anticipates that a draft contract will be available this summer.

d. Update on Principal Recruitment

Ms. Nelson provided the Board with an update on the recruitment efforts for a School Principal. Ms. Nelson reviewed the posting locations and noted that there has been a positive response to the postings. She noted that the process is successfully moving forward and preliminary screenings continue. The Board discussed the Principal candidate interview process in detail. The Board anticipates in-person interviews to begin in the next month approximately.

IV. Action Items

a. Update on Facility Search and Authorization for Board Designee to Work with Board Counsel to Submit All Necessary Documents on Behalf of the Board

Mr. Beck presented this item to the Board and asked Mr. Adams to assist in the update. Mr. Adams reminded the Board of the work completed on the facility search as part of the charter application. He noted that the originally proposed facility is cost prohibitive, and the school has discussed the potential of filing a charter amendment allowing the school to find a more effective space. The Board nominated Dennis Beck to be the Board Designee to work with Board Counsel regarding the facility. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that authorization for Dennis Beck as the Board Designee to work with Board Counsel to submit all necessary documents on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Information Item

a. Update on Board Recruitment

The Board provided an update on the recent work completed to recruit additional Board members. They confirmed their desire to broaden the scope of its members. The Board talked about avenues for recruitment of members and the desired credentials and background of potential Board member candidates.

b. National Charter School Conference – June 26-29

Ms. Woodward reviewed the National Charter School Conference information with the Board. The Board discussed the advantages and specific agenda topics of the conference, and their support of Board members making an effort to attend the training. The Board confirmed their desire to send up to 2 members of the Board to the conference.

VI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – March 7, 2016 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 March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:33 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. February 15, 2016 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.