



APPROVED 8/15/2016
Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, June 20, 2016 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.

Board Members Present: Dennis Beck, Virginia Walden Ford and Carla Hartwell (all via phone);

Guests: Edwin Strickland, School Leader; Melissa Nelson, Shon Hocker, Bryce Adams, Ken Helt, Laura Coleman and Heather Woodward; Connections staff (all via phone).

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

[Mr. Adams joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.]

III. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2016 Board Meeting

The Board expressed their intent to consider both Routine Business items together. Mr. Beck asked the Board Members whether there were any change necessary to the Agenda that has been posted in accordance with Arkansas open meeting law or the proposed minutes. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 20, 2016 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the May 16, 2016 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Oral Reports

a. Principal Report

i. Update on Enrollment

Dr. Strickland reviewed the school's current enrollment numbers with the Board, including those students who have applied and are currently in the enrollment process. He reviewed the stages of application for enrollment to the school, including the applicant stage, pre-approved and approved stages.

ii. Update on Staffing

Dr. Strickland provided the Board with an update on all staff offers and the current staff recruiting efforts and timeline.

iii. Update on Recent Trainings

Dr. Strickland provided the Board with an update on the recent Arkansas trainings that he has attended and the upcoming leadership retreat in Baltimore, Maryland.

b. Update on Facility Lease

Mr. Adams provided the Board with an update on the school facility location and the recent approval from the state Board of Education. He reviewed the process and timeline expected to occupy the new school facility.

c. Financial Report

Mr. Helt reviewed with the Board the process for reviewing the school's monthly financials and the governance oversight and approval process for future invoices and budgetary decisions.

V. Consent Items

Mr. Beck asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion. There being none, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Staffing Report;
- b. Approval of Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar;
- c. Approval of Revisions to State Specific School Handbook for the 2016-2017 School Year; and
- d. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2016-2017 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Budget for 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Helt presented the 2016-2017 School Year Budget to the Board as included within the Board meeting materials. He advised the Board of the budget development process to date that included the school leader, Board Treasurer and Connections staff. Board members discussed the budget, including related staffing, outreach and other specific expenses for the school. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Budget for the 2016-2017 school year and all assumptions provided therein, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Directors

Ms. Woodward advised the Board all Board members terms were up for renewal at this meeting. Following their confirmation that they wished to continue on the Board, discussion was held on the renewal of their terms. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Dennis Beck, Virginia Walden Ford and Carla Hartwell to the Arkansas Connections Academy Board of Directors through the 2017 Annual meeting, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Officers for the 2016-2017 School Year

Ms. Woodward presented this item to the Board. She reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be for a term until the Annual Meeting 2017. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Dennis Beck, Board President;
Virginia Walden Ford, Board Treasurer; and
Carla Hartwell, Board Secretary, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Information Item

a. Board Training Requirements

Ms. Woodward reviewed with the Board the amount of governance training required by the State. Ms. Woodward informed the Board that they will be forwarded information on upcoming conferences and trainings that would satisfy the requirement.

b. State Relations Update

There was no update provided at this time.

c. School Leadership Team Update

There was no update provided at this time.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – July 18, 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 July 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:38 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. June 20, 2016 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.