



Alpaugh Academies
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
12:00 p.m. PT

Principal Location:
4020 South Demaree Street, Suite B
Visalia, CA 93277

Telephone Conference Call Locations:
1300 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637
201 W. Adrian Way, Hanford, CA 93230
5805 W. Vassar Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public have access to (and may participate in) the meeting at any of the telephone conference locations). For information about this meeting or for members of the public who require special accommodations to attend, contact Jonathan Horowitz at (949) 492-9131 x 356 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Board packet is available for public review at the school offices prior to the Board meeting in compliance with California open meeting law.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- 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. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items.

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 – D. Souza

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Horowitz
 - i. Update on Graduation Plans and End of Year Activities
 - ii. Update on State Testing
 - iii. Scholarship Opportunity
 - iv. Staffing Update
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
 - i. Ongoing CA Financial Support (attached)
 - ii. Budget Update

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the May 4, 2010 Board Meeting (attached)
 - b. Ratification of MOU for Race to the Top 2 Funding (attached)
 - c. Ratification of Annual Charter School Funding Survey (attached)
 - d. Approval of Revision to the 2010-2011 State-Specific School Handbook
 - e. Ratification of the Second Interim Financial Report (attached)
 - f. Annual Update to LEA Plan and Parent Involvement Policy

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the Connections Academy Invoice for April (attached) – S. Elkin
 - b. Approval of CapoCA Invoice for April (attached) – S. Elkin

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey (attached) – J. Horowitz
 - b. Board Planning for the 2010-2011 School Year – M. Wisley
 - i. Proposed Meeting Schedule (attached)
 - ii. Board Composition (attached)

- IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – June 15, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. PT

Agenda publicly posted:

On: Friday, May 21, 2010

At: 4020 S. Demaree Street, Visalia, CA 93277

By: Tiffany Carrasco

At: 1300 S. Gateway Dr., Madera, CA 93637

By: Dave Souza

At: 201 W. Adrian Way, Hanford, CA 93230

By: Becky Hudson

At: 5805 W. Vassar Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277

By: Stewart Elkin

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. The minutes will reflect the full text of any resolutions that were adopted as part of the consent agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes from the May 4, 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. Ratification of MOU for Race to the Top 2 Funding

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Education (CDE) is seeking federal funding under the Race to the Top program, and any charter school that wishes to eventually participate in this funding, if awarded, must enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CDE. The initial intent and signed MOU was due to the CDE by May 19, and was submitted by the deadline. If ratified by the Board, the Board President will also sign the MOU.

c. Ratification of Annual Charter School Funding Survey

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Annual Charter School Funding Survey has been completed and submitted online by Dr. Horowitz and Dr. Sassin on behalf of the school. The survey is completed annually by all charter schools. Board approval of the Annual Charter School Survey, as submitted online, is requested.

d. Approval of Revision to the 2010-2011 State Specific School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Board approved a revision to the 2010-2011 CenCA School Handbook which reads under Middle School Courses: "Students will not earn high school credit for high school level courses taken while the student is enrolled as a middle school student..." This policy was to mirror that of the sponsoring district, as well as most California brick-and-mortar high schools. However, after further deliberation, the school would like to align itself with the rest of the Connections Academy schools and revert back to the original policy, which is specified in the 2009-2010 CenCA School Handbook, which reads under Middle School: "Students may earn high school credit for high school level courses taken during the middle school years..." Board approval of this change is requested. Following approval of the change, the State Specific Handbook will be updated with the change.

e. Ratification of the Second Interim Financial Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in your Board materials is the Second Interim Financial Report to the CUSD and the County Department of Education prepared and submitted by Dr. Sassin by the filing deadline. As explained at a previous meeting, the report is a restatement of the school's financials into the prescribed format. Board ratification of the Second Interim Financial Report is requested.

f. Annual Update to LEA Plan and Parent Involvement Policy

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jonathan Horowitz

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: As required by the CDE, the school's LEA Plan (also known as the Single School District Plan) must be reviewed and updated annually. The LEA Plan document was extensively revised and then approved by the Board in January, 2009, and is now due for an annual update. Parent feedback on the LEA Plan should be solicited, and this was done as per the Parent Involvement Policy (approved in January, 2010). Based on staff review of the LEA Plan and the Parent Involvement Policy, and parent feedback received in Spring of 2010, no changes to the LEA Plan or Parent Involvement Policy is recommended for this annual update. Board approval of the school's LEA Plan and Parent Involvement Policy, in its current version, is requested.

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

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoice for April

PRESENTER: Stewart Elkin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Elkin will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. He will request approval of the invoices and authorization to make payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Approval of Capistrano Connections Academy Invoice for April for CenCA

PRESENTER: Stewart Elkin

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Elkin will review and present the CapoCA invoice to CenCA that includes payment to CapoCA for shared teaching and administrative services, and will seek Board approval for payment of the invoice presented.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____