



INSPIRE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 20, 2009
6:00 p.m. MT

To Be Held At:
6128 W. Fairview Ave., Suite A-1
Boise, ID 83704

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – M. Cahill
- II. Roll Call – M. Cahill
- III. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – M. Cahill
- IV. Executive Session
 - a. Pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 (1) (f) – communicate with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation or controversies imminently likely to be litigated - R. Hardin
 - b. Pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 (1) (b) – to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of an employee (attached) – E. Grier
- V. Oral Reports
 - a. School Director's Report (MSR attached) – M. Hegg
 - i. Testing Update
 - ii. Field Trip Update
 - iii. Albertson's Community Program (attached)
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka
- VI. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Special Meeting (attached)
 - c. Ratification of Payment of Blue Cross Blue Shield Invoices (attached)
 - d. Approval of School Invoice(s) (attached)
 - e. Approval of Legal Invoice (attached)
 - f. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - g. Ratification of Consolidated Plan (attached)
 - h. Ratification of 2008-2009 School Goals (attached)
 - i. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Year Generic Handbook (attached)
 - j. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Year State Specific Handbook (attached)
 - k. Approval of School Calendar (to follow)
 - l. Approval of Parent Agreements: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement and Designated Learning Coach Agreement (attached)
 - m. Approval of Renewal of Trademark Agreement with CA (to follow)

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoice for November and December (attached) – S. Clark
 - b. Review and Approval of 2008-2009 Graduation Plans (to follow) – M. Hegg
 - c. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA on the 2009-2010 School Year Budget – J. Marhefka
 - d. Approval of Revised Dissemination Grant Budget and Designation of School Director as Project Director (attached) – M. Revenaugh
 - e. Consideration and Approval of Revised Board Meeting Schedule – M. Cahill

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – M. Revenaugh

- IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. MT

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 November 20, 2008 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Approval of Minutes from the December 8, 2008 Special Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

c. Ratification of Payment of Blue Cross Blue Shield Invoices

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the packet are the invoices for services provided to the school from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Payment has been made in a timely manner and the school is requesting ratification of said payment be approved.

d. Approval of School Invoice(s)

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the packet is an invoice(s) for services provided to the school. We are requesting Board approval, and payment thereof.

e. Approval of Legal Invoice

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the packet is an invoice for legal services provided to the school. We are requesting Board approval of this, and payment thereof.

f. Approval of Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

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.

g. Ratification of Consolidation Plan

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the packet is the Consolidated Plan completed by school leadership. Board approval is requested.

h. Ratification of 2008-2009 School Goals

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board packet are the revised 2008-2009 school goals with updated percentages as per the Board review and request at the last meeting, and are included in the Board materials for Board ratification thereof.

i. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Year Generic Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Steven Guttentag

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the School Handbook. The memo attached to the generic School Handbook outlines the changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version last year. Last year's version had also been approved by all of our Boards. This version has been reviewed by the Board designee, school Principal/Director, and CA. In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval at this meeting.

j. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Year State Specific Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Steven Guttentag

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND : Each year the Board is required to review and approve the State Specific School Handbook that sets out any state specific school policies that supplement the generic School Handbook. The memo attached to the State Specific Handbook outlines all changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version. The Handbook has been reviewed by the Board designee, school Principal/Director and CA staff. In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval.

k. Approval of School Calendar

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school calendar has been reviewed by the school's leadership team and Connections Academy, and the school seeks Board approval thereof.

l. Approval of Parent Agreements: Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement and Designated Learning Coach Agreement

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The Parent Agreements, consisting of the Regulatory Program Description, Parent /Legal Guardian (Caretaker) Acknowledgement and Designated Learning Coach Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year are being presented for Board approval. These have not changed in substance from the forms approved by the Board Board for the 2008-9 school year but merely update the school year and contain minor format and typographical corrections. Board approval of these Parent Agreements is requested

m. Approval of Renewal of Trademark Agreement with CA

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Roseanne Hardin/Farah Esmail

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: CA and the school have agreed in the Professional Services Agreement that the school will execute CA's Trademark License Agreement. The Trademark License Agreement with CA has expired and renewal thereof is desired. The clean and redlined version (comparing this to the previous version) will be provided to the Board for review and the proposed version has been provided to Board Counsel for review. The proposed version is being presented for the Board's review and approval.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Ayes: _____ **Nays:** _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of CA Invoice for November and December

PRESENTER: Susan Clark

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Clark will review the invoices that are derived from the financial report that was provided earlier in the meeting and seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Review and Approval of 2008-2009 Graduation Plans

PRESENTER: Melissa Hegg

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Hegg will review the school's plans for the upcoming graduation ceremony plans, as well as the proposed budget, with the Board and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA on the 2009-2010 School Year Budget

PRESENTER: Janet Marhefka

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: In order to start the preparation of the 2009-2010 school year budget, we are requesting the Board designate a member to start the budgeting process with Connections Academy, and the recommended 2009-2010 school year budget be brought to the full Board for consideration and approval at an upcoming meeting.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Revised Dissemination Grant Budget and Designation of School Director as Project Director

PRESENTER: Mickey Revenaugh

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Revenaugh will review the revised Dissemination Grant Budget with the Board and will seek Board approval of the revised budget, and seek Board approval for Ms. Hegg as School Director to be designated the Project Director for the Dissemination Grant.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

e. Consideration and Approval of Revised Board Meeting Schedule

PRESENTER: Mary Ann Cahill

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Cahill will discuss the Board's availability for a revised meeting schedule date and time of either the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. MT, or the third Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. MT. Board review and approval of a regular meeting schedule is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____