

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
July 21, 2005
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

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Members present: David Moss, Barbara Killpack, Anne Peterson, Eric Smith, Scott Smith, Sonia Zisumbo. Brian Allen – excused

Staff present: John Broberg, Lisa Putman

Others present: Ray Timothy, Charter School Applicants

Call to Order

Member David Moss called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by member David Moss and seconded by Member Barbara Killpack to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2005 Charter School Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair Election

John Broberg announced it was time for the annual Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections. Motion made by Member Anne Peterson and seconded by Member Barbara Killpack to nominate Member David Moss as a candidate for Board Chair. Member Eric Smith made the motion, seconded by Member Sonia Zisumbo to nominate Brian Allen as a candidate for Board Chair.

Staff member, Lisa Putman, passed out ballots to each board member, collected, and announced the result. Member David Moss was announced as the new Board Chair.

Motion made by Member Barbara Killpack and seconded by Member Eric Smith to nominate Member Scott Smith as a candidate for Board Vice Chair. No other motions were made. Member Scott Smith was announced as the new Board Vice Chair.

Document for Re-Chartering from a District

Motion made by Vice Chair Scott Smith and seconded by Eric Smith to approve the document. The motion passed unanimously.

APA West Charter Changes

Representatives from APA West requested that the State Charter School Board approve the following:

1. Name change to Navigator Pointe Academy

2. Increase the number of students by 55 by adding a 9th grade.
3. Move to a direct hire model.

Ray Timothy brought up the issue of adding the 9th grade and that such a move would require the approval of the State Board of Education. As they will not meet again until September – there is concern about whether to move forward with a 9th grade or to simply allow the school to increase the number of students by 55. Motion was made by Member Eric Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Scott Smith to approve the name change, increase student enrollment by 55, and move to a direct hire model. The motion passed unanimously.

AMES Conversion

Member Barbara Killpack inquired about the percentage of qualified teachers at AMES. Staff member Lisa Putman answered the inquiry to the Board's satisfaction. Vice Chair Scott Smith made the motion, seconded by Member Sonia Zisumbo, to accept the AMES Conversion Documents. The motion passed unanimously.

Timpanogos Academy Conversion

Member Barbara Killpack inquired about the number of students in each class, as reflected by USOE reports. Member Eric Smith responded to the Board's satisfaction. Member Anne Peterson made the motion, seconded by Member Barbara Killpack, to accept the Timpanogos Academy Conversion Documents. The motion passed unanimously.

Lakeview Academy Application

Board Members discussed various issues with the applicants. Vice Chair Scott Smith made the motion, seconded by Member Barbara Killpack, to recommend approval to the State Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Mountainville Academy

Board Members discussed specific items in the application that were cause for concern. Board Chair David Moss made the motion, seconded by Eric Smith, to table the application until the August meeting, with the understanding that the applicant will re-work their budget. The motion passed unanimously.

George Washington Academy

Member Eric Smith made the motion, seconded by Member Sonia Zisumbo, to recommend approval to the State Board of Education. Some discussion went on regarding location of school, special education, and parental involvement. The motion passed unanimously.

Gateway College Prep

Board Members discussed issues with the applicants, including concerns regarding enrollment, technology, concurrent enrollment, as well as the ability to fill the school. Chair David Moss made the motion, seconded by Anne Peterson, to not recommend Gateway College Prep for approval at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

Syracuse Arts Academy

Vice Chair Scott Smith motioned that Syracuse Arts Academy not be accepted into the current rotation of applicants. The motion was seconded by Member Sonia Zisumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Issues/Announcements

John Broberg asked for the approval from the Board for the Education Specialist Position and the Charter School Accountant Position. The Board gave unanimous approval for both positions.

Matt Throckmorton of Reagan Academy invited the Board out to the school this September.

Member Anne Peterson wants to reconvene the legislative subcommittee to work with UAPCS in September.

Chair David Moss made the motion to adjourn at 1:25PM.