Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
May 10, 2012
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

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Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, Tom Morgan, John Pingree
Members excused: Dean Brockbank, Scott Smith

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Associate Superintendent Brenda Hales, Carol Murphy, Teresa Theurer, Carolyn Sharette, Phil Collins, Linda Harless, Anna Bohannan, Shannon Greer, Erin Preston, Robb Enger, Laurie Compton, Sonya Peterson, Jodi Lusty, Alicia Hansen, Jolynne Jimenez, Melanie Kingdon, Shelley Nordick, Joel Wright, Steve Crandall, Lani Pili, Troy Walker, Michael Westover

Call to Order
Chair Tom Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Public Comment
Joel Wright expressed his thoughts and concerns regarding the moral obligation bill passed by the Utah State Legislation. Mr. Wright feels the initial standards to the bill are very aggressive and eliminate a substantial portion of the benefits.

Consent Calendar
Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve the consent calendar. Items on the General Consent Calendar include minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting and Utah Connections Academy's request to remove grade level caps, keeping all enrollment figures within the approved maximum school allotment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation – School Outreach Plans
Carolyn Sharette, Executive Director of American Preparatory Academy, informed the SCSB by way of a power point presentation, the school's approach to targeting under-served students.

Update – Quail Run Primary School
Representatives of Quail Run Primary School updated the SCSB regarding the status of teachers properly licensed and endorsed at the school.

Amendment Request – Summit Academy Satellite #1
Representatives of Summit Academy informed the SCSB of its request to open a satellite school in 2014-2015 to be located in either Canyons or Jordan School District, following the growth model: 2014-2015, K-6, 700 students; 2015-2016, K-7, 800 students; and 2016-2017, K-8, 1000 students.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member John Pingree to approve for recommendation to the USBE the amendment request to open a satellite school in 2014-2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Spectrum Academy Satellite #1 & #2

Representatives of Spectrum Academy informed the SCSB of its request to open two satellite schools in 2013-2014 in Murray and Alpine School Districts. The Murray satellite would serve grades 7-12 and 400 students while the Alpine satellite would serve grades K-8 and 300 students.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree to approve for recommendation to the USBE the amendment request in stages. The first stage of the motion, to approve the satellite location in Murray School District, including the timeline waiver now; and the next stage, as they meet their criteria (financial goals and reporting goals), consider the second stage of the motion to approve the satellite location in Alpine School District. With no second to the motion, the motion failed.

Motion was made by Member Laura Belnap and seconded by Vice Chair Tim Beagley to approve for recommendation to the USBE a satellite in Murray School District with a timeline wavier but not approve the Alpine School District satellite. Affirmative votes were cast by Vice Chair Tim Beagley, Members Laura Belnap and John Pingree. Votes in opposition were cast by Chair Tom Morgan and Yolanda Francisco-Nez. Because of no majority of the board in favor of the motion, the motion failed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to approve for recommendation to the USBE a satellite in Murray School District for the 2014-2015 school year which does not require a timeline wavier, and not approve the Alpine School District satellite. The motion was carried by affirmative votes from Chair Tom Morgan, Vice Chair Tim Beagley, Members Laura Belnap and John Pingree. Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez voted in opposition.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Chair Tom Morgan to decline the satellite request for Utah County (Alpine School District). The motion did not pass because of no majority vote.

Amendment Request – Providence Hall

Representatives from Providence Hall informed the SCSB of its request to add grades 10-12 and add 700 additional students beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, following the growth model: 2013-2014, grade 10, 100 students; 2014-2015, grades 11-12, 600 students.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Vice Chair Tim Beagley to approve for recommendation to the USBE the school's request to include a waiver for the 100 students for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – George Washington Academy

Representatives from George Washington Academy informed the SCSB of its request to modify multiple sections of its charter to clean up language, make technical corrections, and allow board flexibility in decision-making.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member John Pingree to approve for recommendation to the USBE the school's request. The motion also stated changes to the charter to be inserted in the charter agreement new format. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy

Representatives from American Preparatory Academy informed the SCSB of its request to amend its charter to increase the maximum size of the governing board from 5 to 7 and include enrollment preference for English language learners and children of refugee families.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Chair Tom Morgan to approve for recommendation to the USBE the school's request. The motion was carried unanimously.

Review of School LAND Trust Plans

Margaret Bird, USOE Specialist assigned to School LAND Trust Plans, addressed questions that had been raised by the SCSB regarding the 2012-2013 plans before sending them to the USBE for final approval.

Review of charter school financial audits FY11

Natalie Grange, USOE Internal Auditor, reviewed charter school financial audits for FY11. Ms. Grange stated three charter schools had material weaknesses, 17 charter schools ended the year with negative assets and seven charter schools with financial conditions.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.