

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
October 11, 2012
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

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Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Dean Brockbank, Kristin Elinkowski, Robert Enger, Howard Headlee

Members excused: John Pingree

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Menlove, Dave Crandall, Freddie Cooper, Teresa Theurer, Shelley Nordick, Robert Ralphs, Terry Smith, Marie Jess, Ram Prasad Boppana, Hanigi Oguz, Sol Garcia, Kim Dohrer, Mike Farley, Natalie Grange, Jamie, Barrett

Call to Order

Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Robb Enger to approve the October 11, 2012 Consent Calendar. The motion was carried unanimously.

State Charter School Board bylaws

After discussion regarding the Charter School Bylaws, questions were raised by Member Robert Enger regarding the self-evaluation process and new strategic plans of the Charter School Board. Chair Beagley stated the self-evaluation of the board would be happening in the next month or two, and the four year strategic plan would most likely be addressed after the evaluation plan is completed.

Trust Land Advisory Committee Appointment

Chair Tim Beagley presented the name of Board Member Robert Enger to serve on the Trust Land Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Howard Headlee to accept Robert Enger as the board's representative on the Trust Land Advisory Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

State Board of Education

Member Laura Belnap informed the SCSB of updates from the State Board of Education's last meeting. Those updates included the appointment of Dr. Martell Menlove to the State Superintendent and the State of Education address by Superintendent Shumway.

Amendment Request – Thomas Edison Charter School

Representatives of Thomas Edison Charter Schools informed the SCSB of its amendment request to increase enrollment by 96 students in 2013-2014 and make multiple technical changes in various sections of the charter agreement.

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to increase enrollment by 96 students in 2013-2014 and make multiple technical changes in various sections of the charter agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Beehive Science & Technology Academy

Representatives of Beehive Science & Technology Academy informed the SCSB of its amendment request to add grades 4-6 with no additional students.

After much discussion, motion was made by Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to approve the addition of grade 6 only, for the 2013-2014 schoolyear, with the encouragement to return next year to request the additional grades. The motion was carried with affirmative votes from Chair Tim Beagley, Vice Chair Dean Brockbank, Members Howard Headlee, Kristin Elinkowski, and Robert Enger. Member Laura Belnap voted in opposition.

Amendment Request – Alianza Academy

Representatives of Alianza Academy informed the SCSB of its amendment request to add grade 9, increase enrollment by 420 students in 2013-2014 (920 students total).

After much discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to add grade 9, increase enrollment by 420 students in 2013-2014 (920 students total). Because of a “split” vote, with positive votes from Chair Tim Beagley, Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and Member Kristin Elinkowski and opposing votes from Members Howard Headlee, Robb Enger and Laura Belnap the motion failed.

Recommendations on legislation and rules

Director Marlies Burns presented to the SCSB proposed changes to 53A-1a-508 – Content of a Charter and 53A-1a-501.6 – Power and Duties of the State Charter School Board, and R277-470 – Charter School General Provisions and R277-482 – Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes.

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to accept the language changes that were presented by staff for R277-482.7 and present those changes to the USBE for approval. An amended motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank to accept the proposed changes for R277-482.7, minus the proposed changes in Section 1 of 7. The motion was carried unanimously.

No vote was taken regarding proposed changes to R277-470.

Chair Tim Beagley stated the SCSB and staff will proceed to find a sponsor to incorporate the proposed changes to 53A-1a-508 and 53A-1a-501.6 to the legislation.

Recommendations from Charter School Revolving Account Committee

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB the recommended Charter School Revolving Loans to the following schools for 2013:

Utah International Charter School - \$212,000

Esperanza Elementary School - \$80,000

Voyage Academy - \$200,000

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning - \$118,000

Provo Freedom Academy - \$300,000, less outstanding loan balances (approximately \$281,019 in September 2012)

Motion was made by Member Laura Belnap and seconded by Member Robert Enger to accept the recommendations of the Charter School Revolving Account Committee and to send on for approval to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation by Weber State University Charter Academy

Representatives of Weber State University presented to the SCSB an approved charter application for Weber State University Charter Academy, to open in fall 2013. The school plans to serve approximately 44 students in kindergarten only. The USBE will consider the application at its November meeting.

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to support the charter for Weber State University Charter Academy. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. by Member Dean Brockbank.