Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
August 9, 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, John Pingree

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Teresa Theurer, Freddie Cooper, Matt Lorenzen, Lana Nichols, Reese Clark, Edward Woodd, Alisha Terry-Martin, Chris Helvey, Buddie Ivie, Shelley Nordick, Joel Wright, Sol Garcia, Kim Frank, Chris Bleak

Call to Order
Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Tim Beagley introduced newly appointed Charter School Board Member Kristin Elinkowski and Freddie Cooper, an advisory member of the board, representing CMAC (Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee) to the SCSB.

General Consent Calendar
Motion was made by Member Laura Belnap and seconded by Member Robb Enger to approve the consent calendar containing minutes from the July 12, 2012 SCSB Meeting and charter agreements from Entheos Academy-Magna, Pacific Heritage Academy and Voyage Academy ready for board consideration.

Swearing in of new Board member
Dr. Larry Shumway, Superintendent of Public Instruction, swore in Kristin Elinkowski as the newly appointed Charter School Board Member.

Amendment Request – Valley Academy
Representatives of Valley Academy informed the SCSB of its request to add grade 8 and increase enrollment by 50 students beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

The SCSB questioned the steep rise in facility costs in year 2.

Member Robb Enger stated he would abstain from a vote until the question of the lease change and increase was addressed.

Valley Academy was able to correctly explain that what appeared to be an increased facility cost in year 2 was actually a full 12 months of payment while the costs in year 1 only reflected 9 months of payment (the owner did not require payments until after school started).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member John Pingree to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to add grade 8 and increase enrollment by 50 students beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Freedom Academy

Representatives of Freedom Academy informed the SCSB if its request to move 9th grade school to Alpine School District for one year only (2012-2013).

After much discussion, motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to move 9th grade to Alpine School District for one year only. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School accountability discussion (UCA 53A-1a-501.6 and 507)

The SCSB discussed ways to use the performance management system appropriately in ways to both help school's performance and help the board perform statutory requirements of keeping performance information and accountability for the system. .Director Marlies Burns distributed charts reflecting "Starting Point for Weights", "Academic Quality Weights", and "Operational Quality Weights", to the SCSB. Association members were also part of the discussion.

Recommendations on legislation and rules (UCA 53A-1a-501.6)

The SCSB discussed recommended changes to the Legislature and State Board of Education that will assist charter schools in carrying out their obligations.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. by Member Robb Enger.