

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
March 20, 2008
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

Members present: Julie Adamic, John Pingree, Brian Allen, Scott Smith, Joel Wright

Members excused: Eric Smith, Barbara Killpack

Staff present: Marlies Burns, John Taggart, Jeannie Rowland, Melissa Fatani, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Representatives from Utah Virtual Academy, CS Lewis Academy, Monticello Academy, Ogden Preparatory Academy, Syracuse Arts Academy, Beehive Science & Technology Academy, American Preparatory Academy, Vista at Entrada Charter School, Oquirrh Mountain Charter School, Lyceum Academy, Utah Military & Service Preparatory Academy, members of the media

Call to Order

Chair Julie Adamic called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Joel Wright to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2008 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Julie Adamic stated she is relieved the legislative session is over for the year, and there were issues that were accomplished in a positive way for Charter Schools. Ms. Adamic cautioned the members of the State Charter School Board that when any of them are approached by individual schools, they don't have a perceived or real conflict of interest advocating for just one school rather than for all charter schools. Ms. Adamic continued to caution, the board needs not take on any one specific cause.

Charter School Board Standing Committee Reports

- Communication Committee-Member Scott Smith informed the SCSB of the discussion in their meeting regarding charter school public relations campaign.
- Rule Review Committee-Member Brian Allen informed the SCSB of the discussion in their meeting with HB 160, HB 472 and SB 36.
- Annual Report Committee-Jeannie Rowland informed the SCSB the committee discussed aspects of the Annual Report that needs changed and "fixed" for the next issue.

Action Items:

- Request for waiver from attending mandatory pre-applicant training was removed from the agenda.
- Sonia Woodbury, Director of City Academy, requested approval of an innovative College Preparation and Early College curriculum program, The Cambridge International Exam (CIE), to be piloted at City Academy and then disseminate the program across the state.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to support City Academy for bringing innovative, new programs to their students, which will challenge and prepare their students for college by using the Cambridge International Exam program and to encourage the Utah State Board of Education to seriously consider and approve said program. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Action Items:

Amendments to Charters

- Utah Virtual Academy-Increase enrollment by 1,500 for 2,000 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- CS Lewis Academy-Increase enrollment by 100 for 450 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Monticello Academy-Add grades 10-12, increase enrollment by 525 for 1,275 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Ogden Preparatory Academy-Add grades 10-12, increase enrollment by 700 for 1,300 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Syracuse Arts Academy-Add grades 7-9, increase enrollment by 475 for 1,000 students total for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Beehive Science & Technology Academy-Add grades 5-6, increase enrollment by 100 for 550 students total for the 2009-2010 school year; add grades 3-4, increase enrollment by 100 for 650 students total for the 2010-2011 school year; add grades K-2, increase enrollment by 150 for 800 students total for the 2011-2012 school year.
- American Preparatory Academy-Add a satellite school beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, located in Salt Lake County, grades K-9 for 570 students.
- Beehive Science & Technology-Add a satellite school beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, located in West Valley City, grades K-12 for 570 students.

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2009-2010 New Charter Applications

- Vista at Entrada-Located in Washington School District, serving grades k-8 with a total enrollment of 675 students.
- Oquirrh Mountain Charter School-Located in Davis School District, serving grades K-9 with a total enrollment of 720 students.
- Lyceum Academy-Located in Jordan or Alpine School District, serving grades 9-12 with a total enrollment of 400 students.
- Utah Military & Service Preparatory Academy-the SCSB was informed that Utah Military & Service Preparatory Academy would like to withdraw their application and resubmit at a later date when they have a stronger board and relationships with the National Guard and the Peace Officers Association are solidified.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.