Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
November 10, 2010
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

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

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Cory Kanth, Jeannie Rowland, Georgia Loutensock, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Janet Cannon, Ike Spencer, Jeffrey Herr, Janene Bowen, Craig Pace, DeLaina Tonks, Deena Pyle, Robert Osborne, Melinda Osborne, Linda Harless, Karen Rackliff, Robert Ralphs, Cecelia Whitman, Derek Whetten, Nephi Aiono, Ofa Moeai, Richard Kaufusi, Tip Pupua, Valeria Neslen, Rob Christensen, Kassi Capener, Sharon Fairbourn, Bridgett Clark, Deb Swenson, Jamie Johnson, Gretta Betts, Megan Pettit, Diana Jensen, Heidi Scott, Howard Headlee, Lincoln Fillmore

Call to Order
Chair Tom Morgan called the meeting to order at 9: 00 a.m.

Information Items
Presentation of virtual school models
Representatives from Utah Virtual Academy, Utah Connections Academy, Open High School of Utah and Alianza Academy presented a power presentation to the SCSB to show the differences and similarities of the four virtual schools in Utah.

Action Items
Approval of Minutes
Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2010 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment
Janene Bowen, representing Jordan School District, informed the SCSB of the district's concerns related to the possible location in South Jordan of the American Preparatory Academy-Satellite #3 school. Ms. Bowen referred to the letter sent to the SCSB from Barry Newbold, Superintendent of Jordan School District.

Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove informed the SCSB the USBE adopted a preliminary proposal to look at FY12 funding. The proposal includes funding at the current level of growth for all students, both in district schools and in charter schools. Also it includes an estimated $14 million of new money that will be needed in the local replacement line-item for charter schools based upon the number of new students and $4,006 in the charter school administration which allows for the continuation of $100 per student for the 4,067 students that are anticipated for the growth in charter schools.

Amendment Request – Utah Virtual Academy
Karen Rackliff, Chairman of the Board of Utah Virtual Academy, informed the SCSB of the school's request to add 750 students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

After much discussion, motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to recommend the request for approval to the USBE. The request and motion also included a waiver of State Board Rule. The motion was carried with Members Scott Smith, Dean Brockbank and Yolanda Francisco-Nez in favor of the motion; Chair Tom Morgan opposed the motion and Member Laura Belnap abstained from voting.

New Applicant – Pacific Heritage Academy

Representatives from Pacific Heritage Academy presented to the SCSB their proposed charter to open in the Salt Lake City School District serving 450 students in grades K-8, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The focus of the school is to serve Pacific Islander students using an expeditionary learning instructional model.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to recommend the proposed charter for authorization to the USBE with a modification in their charter to reflect a minimum of five (5) board members. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Applicant – North Peak Academy

Representatives of North Peak Academy presented to the SCSB their proposed charter to open in Box Elder School District serving 500 students in grades K-9, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The focus on the school is expeditionary learning.

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to recommend the proposed charter for authorization to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Hawthorn Academy

Representatives of Hawthorn Academy informed the SCSB of the school's amendment request to change its charter in the areas of governance and curriculum.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Member Scott Smith to recommend the amendment request for approval to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Satellite #3

Deputy Martell Menlove informed the SCSB that the USBE was given a letter from Dr. Barry Newbold, Superintendent of Jordan School District, expressing the district's concern that they were not given a copy of the Satellite Amendment application prior to presenting at the SCSB meeting. The letter also offered opinions as to whether the school ought to be located in certain areas of Jordan School District. After speaking with individuals from American Preparatory Academy it was determined the best procedure would be for them to come back to this meeting and present to the SCSB, after Jordan School District had been given time to address their concerns.

Chair Tom Morgan stated the comments made by Janene Bowen in the Public Comment portion of this meeting was stated in the letter received from Jordan School District.

Howard Headlee, Board Chair of Utah Charter Academies, Inc., addressed the concerns raised by Jordan School District.

Chair Tom Morgan inquired of Mr. Headlee if all school districts have been notified where he feels they may locate the school. Mr. Headlee ensured the SCSB that any district where there may be a possibility they might build has been notified properly, under the law.

After much discussion motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to resend the recommendation for approval to the USBE based on the SCSB's opportunity to review both

Superintendent Newbold's letter and the district's concerns as well as reinterview the applicant. The motion was carried unanimously.

Information Item

Performance Management

Marlies Burns and Cory Kanth updated the SCSB regarding the Performance Management Financial system indicators, measures and metrics. Action will be taken in the December Charter School Board Meeting, based upon the feedback received.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith to move into an executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Member Scott Smith to reconvene into open meeting. The board reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Adjourn

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