

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2011
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

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

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

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Carol Murphy, Janene Bowen, Donny Helvey, Todd Powell, Tina Peterson, Rob Muhlestein, Frantz Belo, Chris Bleak

Call to Order

Chair Tom Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Board Chair's Report/Charter Agreement & Work Group updates

Vice Chair Tim Beagley reminded the SCSB they had decided the best way to proceed with the performance framework system was to form work groups with people in the charter community, members of the SCSB and the USBE to specifically address how the metrics would work and what exactly the metrics would be in each of the different categories of the performance framework. The work groups have had two meetings, the Financial and Operational work groups, and Vice Chair Beagley feels they will provide a proposal to the SCSB towards the end of summer, which will include: 1) metrics that have been proposed be placed in board rule, being defined as minimum standards and 2) additional metrics to continue to be refined, and be placed into a "Guidelines and Best Practices for Charter Schools" document. As part of the proposal, the SCSB will be able to use that document for the evaluation of performance of charter schools. The work groups will propose to the SCSB how the framework will be structured and how it will work, and request any input for changes. The framework will then go to the USBE to be incorporated as a rule or be approved as part of the SCSB contract.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2011 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

School LAND Trust Plans

Paul Crawford provided a summary of the School LAND Trust plans for review and approval of all state chartered schools.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Scott Smith to approve for recommendation to the USBE the submitted School LAND Trust plans. The motion was carried unanimously.

R277-470-12 – Charter Schools-Oversight and Monitoring

Director Marlies Burns presented to the SCSB the draft form of proposed language changes and additions to the Charter Schools-Oversight and Monitoring section of R277-470; along with other changes that will help streamline the amendment process, make technical corrections, revise the timeline for new school, satellite school, and expansion approvals, create ability for schools to change authorizers, etc.

Charter School Board Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

The SCSB reviewed the tentative meeting schedule and agreed meetings would continue to be held monthly; with the possibility of cancelling any meeting that did not include sufficient agenda items.

Amendment Request – Merit College Preparatory Academy

Representatives from Merit College Preparatory Academy informed the SCSB of the school's request to add grades 7-8 beginning in 2012-2013 to help students transition to the rigorous high school curriculum and to help the school's bottom line.

Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Scott Smith to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request. Member Dean Brockbank made an additional recommendation to the motion for the school be required to report back to the SCSB regarding teacher credentials and status in November 2011. The motion was carried with Vice Chair Tim Beagley, Members Laura Belnap, Dean Brockbank, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, and Scott Smith voting in favor of the motion. Chair Tom Morgan voted in opposition.

Board Leadership Elections

Chair Tom Morgan and Vice Chair Tim Beagley accepted the nomination to run for Chair and Vice Chair of the State Charter School Board this next year. The voting was conducted and by unanimous vote of those present, Tom Morgan will hold the office of Chair of the SCSB and Tim Beagley will hold the office of Vice Chair for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith to move into an executive session for the purpose of discussion related to the Charter School Subaccount Fund Committee member recommendations and personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session at 11:15 a.m.

Motion was made and seconded to reconvene into open meeting. The board reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Vice Chair Tim Beagley to recommend to the USBE the nomination of Gavin Hutchinson and Brad Taylor to be members of the Charter School Subaccount Fund Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.