

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
November 10, 2011
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

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

Members excused: Laura Belnap

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Martell Menlove, Dave Crandall, Bill Fowler, Robert Cargeeg, Trevor Fitzgerald, Kassi Capener, Bridgett Clark, Rob Christensen, Joel Wright, Rob Osborne, Sol Garcia, Derek Whetten, Michael Westover, Jeanne Whitmore, Mark Peterson, Chris Bleak, Natalie Grange, Monty Hardy, Jeff Biesinger, Rob Muhlestein, Kim Dohrer, Mike Marshall, Frantz Belot, Todd Powell, Tom Fell, Ofa Moeai, Lia Whitman, Valerie Neslen, Brett Orsmy, Sharie Case, Bentley MacEntire, Jaren Gibson, Kevin Baron, James Stout, Scott Smoot, Xazmin Prows, Jack Wixam

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Robert Cargeeg, representing Western Recycling Technologies presented to the SCSB a new technology for schools to reduce their polystyrene waste to achieve large savings in landfill space and transporting waste disposal cost. Mr. Cargeeg stated the company will be working with several charter schools in the state to review their waste disposal costs and how their project implemented into their school would save them money, make them “greener” and also educate the students to recycling options to increase additional funding to the school.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2011 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Report of November State Board of Education meeting

Vice Chair Tim Beagley informed the SCSB that in the USBE Meeting the two amendment proposals that were presented to the board were approved. Those amendments were Canyon Rim Academy to have a 2-mile radius preference added to their charter and American Preparatory Academy-Accelerated School was granted 300 additional students for next year. The USBE also approved the charter school rule, R277-481, with slight wording changes.

Merit College Preparatory Academy update

Representatives for Merit College Preparatory presented an update regarding the school’s academic performance and teacher licensure status.

Aristotle Academy update

Representatives for Aristotle Academy informed the SCSB of the progress the school is making for preparations to open in August 2012. They are considering a vacant WalMart building located in American Fork for the location of the school and expecting a Letter of Intent in the next 24 hours.

The SCSB requested the representatives for Aristotle Academy to attend the December SCSB meeting to finalize the school's plans for opening and operation. Also, the school was requested to resubmit budget information reflecting a 63% enrollment and their "break even" budget to the Charter School Section at USOE.

Pacific Heritage Academy update

Representatives for Pacific Heritage Academy informed the SCSB of the progress the school is making for preparations to open in August 2012. They have made changes to their board members, to include more local individuals; financially they are operating on the revolving loan the school has received; enrollment numbers show 123 students have shown interest in the school, with space for 450; facility plan has been resolved and they are under contract for a piece of land located on 1100 North Redwood Road.

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning update

Representatives for Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning informed the SCSB of the progress the school is making for preparations to open in August 2012.

HighMark Charter School update

Representatives for HighMark Charter School informed the SCSB of the progress the school is making for preparations to open in August 2012.

Entheos Academy-Magna update

Representatives for Entheos Academy-Magna informed the SCSB of the progress the school is making for preparations to open in August 2012.

Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Satellite #3

American Preparatory Academy-Satellite #3's amendment request is to postpone opening until fall 2013.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to postpone opening until fall 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Tuacahn High School

Bill Fowler, Principal of Tuacahn High School, informed the SCSB of the amendment request to add 100 students over the next three years (+30 in 2012-2013, +30 in 2013-2014, +40 in 2014-2015).

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to add 100 students over the next three years. The motion was carried unanimously.

PSD Gateway

Director Marlies Burns introduced and trained the SCSB how to access and use the information found in the Public School Data (PSD) Gateway. It is an effective way to review current year public school academic performance, as well as look at similar schools in comparison to a particular school of interest.

Charter Agreement update

Director Marlies Burns reminded the SCSB that in their October meeting, they had raised concerns over schools being authorized for a particular area or location, but in the process of preparing for operation, some schools decide to relocate to an entirely different community and location that would warrant a new market analysis and possible new portions of their application. Ms. Burns proposed adding language to the Charter Agreement to reflect applicants must state the municipality they will be located, and if they chose to go outside of that municipality they need to submit an amendment request to provide new location information.

Because not all SCSB members had access to the proposed changes to the agreement, it was determined to wait until next meeting to address the changes.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. by Member Scott Smith.