

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
November 8, 2012
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

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: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Dave Crandall, Freddie Cooper, Teresa Theurer, Shelley Nordick, John Jesse, Alan Stokes, Sue Johnson, Chris Bleak, Erin Preston, David Smith, Scott Jones, Celia Johnson, Kim Frank, Noreen Gibbons, Troy Henke

Call to Order

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

Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to approve November 8, 2012 Consent Calendar. The motion was carried unanimously.

Utah student assessment presentation and Q&A

John Jesse, Educational Director in the Assessment and Accountability Section at USOE, presented a slide presentation addressed concerns and questions. Mr. Jesse informed the SCSB that NWA (K12 pilot) on-line adaptive assessment, on-line writing, and the e-pass system, ACT in secondary schools. The pilot encompassed all those pieces of assessment designated by the Blue Ribbon panel. Initially the pilot began with two districts, Sevier and Juab, and then in 2011 and 2012, there were 86 schools, with 9 of those being charter schools. In 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 USOE received permission from the federal government for the spring assessment, administer the NWA, but do not administer the CRT tests. A score is generated from the NWA, in addition to all other information that replaces the CRT score.

Mr. Jesse stated that this has been a great pilot and they are excited to expand it statewide by the 2014-2015 school year.

The USBE has appointed a committee to draft an RFP to move forward with the legislative requirement to implement the pilot by the 2014-2015 school year. The proposals called for a comprehensive assessment system that included adaptive summative interim assessments and a formative piece, daily and weekly assessment. Once the bid is announced, the assessment section, along with other interested representatives, will work with that successful vendor to establish a "Scope of Work," that will meet the needs of all parties.

Mr. Jesse also addressed the UCAS report and how it's going to impact how school data is viewed.

Mr. Jesse spoke of adaptive assessment. He stated adaptive assessment is efficient, a student achievement level is determined with many less "items", it is more accurate because you can target items at a student's approximate ability level, and it is a more precise measurement of high/low achievers. It is critical if you want to measure student growth.

Recommendations from Charter School Revolving Account Committee

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB the Charter School Revolving Account Committee recommended a loan to Wasatch Institute of Technology for \$300,000.

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member John Pingree to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Revolving Account Committee and to send on for approval to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

State Board of Education November meeting summary

Member Laura Belnap informed the SCSB of the USBE meeting motions and actions which included amendment requests from American Preparatory Academy, Thomas Edison Charter Schools, Beehive Academy & Technology Academy, Oquirrh Mountain Charter School, and Maria Montessori Academy.

Charter school funding was discussed in the Committee meeting and will be an ongoing conversation in future meetings.

Amendment request – Paradigm High School

Representatives of Paradigm High School informed the SCSB of its amendment request to add grades 7-8 with no additional students beginning in fall 2013.

Shelley Nordick, representing Jordan School District, stated the district appreciates the communication they have had with Paradigm High School, and they have no concerns with the request, outside of those of the SCSB.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request to add grades 7-8 with no additional students beginning in fall 2013.

Amendment request – NUAMES

Representatives of NUAMES informed the SCSB of its amendment request to increase enrollment by 150 students, to add 50 students in the 2013-2014 school year, 50 students in the 2014-2015 school year and 50 students in the 2015-2016 school year (650 students total). This request requires a waiver from R277-482-7, Approved Charter School Expansion.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request.

An amended motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank to recommend for approval to the USBE the request to add 300 students; 100 students in the 2013-2014 school year, 100 students in the 2014-2015 school year and 100 students in the 2015-2016 school year. The amended motion failed with Member John Pingree and Vice Chair Dean Brockbank voting in favor, and Chair Tim Beagley, Members Robert Enger, Laura Belnap and Kristin Elinkowski voting in opposition.

A second amended motion was made by Member Kristin Elinkowski and seconded by Member John Pingree to recommend for approval to the USBE the request to add 250 students; 50 students in the 2013-2014 school year, 100 students in the 2014-2015 school year and 100 students in the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recommendations on legislation and rules

Director Marlies Burns presented to the SCSB suggested changes to UCS – 53A-1a-502.5 relating to charter school enrollment capacity. Director Burns distributed spreadsheets showing data reflecting the Projected vs. Actual, Percentage of under Enrolled, Reenrollment, and Percentage of Transfer students.

NACSA conference summary

Members John Pingree and Kristin Elinkowski attended the NACSA conference held in Memphis, TN, and shared information they received with the other members of the SCSB.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. by Member Robert Enger.