

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
July 11, 2013
USOE
North and South Board Rooms

APPROVED

Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Kristin Elinkowski, Robert Enger, Howard Headlee, Bruce Davis

Members excused: Dean Brockbank

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Jennifer Lambert, Janene Bowen

Staff excused: Jo Schmitt

Others present: Heather Groom, Freddie Cooper, Vern Rogers, Jake Hunt, Teresa Gehring, Joylin Lincoln, Tina Smith, Erin Preston, Karen Holman, Carolyn Sharette, Brad Findley, Celia Johnson, Noreen Gibbons, Troy Hurle, Sol Garcia

Call to Order

Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Tim Beagley led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to approve the consent calendar (minutes of SCSB meeting held May 9, 2013, School LAND Trust plans, and proposed 2013-2014 meeting schedule. The motion was carried unanimously, by those present for the vote.

Recommended distribution of Early Intervention funds

Chair Beagley reminded the SCSB that there is a small amount of funds that is available for schools to apply for in terms of their early intervention. The Charter School staff created an Early Intervention funds application that would lend itself to a competitive process for allocating those funds. The application and associated scoring rubric were sent to charter school directors and business administrators for completion. There were 22 applications received and were reviewed and scored by staff. Director Marlies Burns inquired of the SCSB if 1) they would accept late applications and 2) if they would accept incomplete applications and allow them to be completed. Chair Beagley inquired of the amount of funds were available and the amount that would be granted. Director Burns informed the SCSB that there is \$630,000, and all of the 22 applications that were submitted could receive the full amount they requested.

Motion was made by Member Laura Belnap to deny late applications and work with incomplete applicants. Because of no second to motion, the motion failed.

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to receive all applications within 48 hours of deadline including incomplete applications. The motion failed because of a 3-2 vote.

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Bruce Davis to accept incomplete applications. The motion was carried unanimously.

Certification of Providence Hall for the Utah Charter School Finance Authority Credit Enhancement Program
Utah Charter School Finance Authority requested of the SCSB to send a certification for Providence Hall. The SCSB reviewed information specific to all eight certifications and voted to determine if the SCSB feels the school satisfactorily met those items. Member Robert Enger recused himself from any vote because of his position as board chair of Providence Hall.

Motion was made by Member Kristin Elinkowski and seconded by Member Bruce Davis to send certification of Providence Hall to the Utah Charter School Finance Authority after CACTUS reflects 100% proper licensing of teachers and give Chair Tim Beagley authorization to sign the letter of certification. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed changes to R277-481, Charter School Oversight, Monitoring, and Appeals

The State Board of Education requested the SCSB submit proposed changes to Board Rule R277-481 specific to the process by which a charter school can request an amendment to its contractual agreement with its chartering entity. The Charter School staff worked with Carol Lear and Heidi Alder to draft possible language for review by the SCSB and recommendation to the USBE.

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend approval to the USBE with recommended changes to R277-481. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment request – Legacy Preparatory Academy

Representatives of Legacy Preparatory Academy informed the SCSB the amendment request to reduce grades served to K-9 and enrollment to 1,130 students starting in 2013-2014. The amendment request also includes allowing the school to have a one year transition to accommodate ten 12th grade students to finish their curriculum and graduate with the appropriate credits.

The motion was made by Member Bruce Davis and seconded by Robert Enger to recommend approval to the USBE the requested amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment request – Lincoln Academy

Representatives of Lincoln Academy informed the SCSB the amendment request to modify the charter agreement goals, waive R277-482 timeline and increase enrollment according to the following growth plan:

2013-2014 – add 50 students (690 students total)

2014-2015 – add 175 students (865 students total)

The motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Howard Headlee to recommend approval to the USBE the requested amendment. Member Laura Belnap made an amended motion to recommend approval to the USBE the charter agreement goals portion only. Member Robert Enger rejected the amended motion. Member Howard Headlee requested to call for the question. Because of the call for the question, the vote was conducted with the motion being carried unanimously.

Amendment request – American Preparatory Academy new satellite campus (Draper #3)

Representatives of American Preparatory Academy informed the SCSB the amendment request to waive R277-482 timeline and open a fourth satellite campus in Canyons School District in fall 2014 serving, 750 students in grades K and 9-12 according to the following growth plan:

2014-2015 grade K (600) and 9 (150), 750 students total

2015-2016 grade K (450) and 9-10 (300), 750 students total

2016-2017 grade K (300) and 9-11 (450), 750 students total

2017-2018 grade K (150) and 9-12 (600), 750 students total

2018-2019 grades 9-12, 750 students total

Member Howard Headlee recused himself from the discussion and vote regarding American Preparatory Academy's amendment request.

Motion was made by Member Kristin Elinkowski and seconded by Member Bruce Davis to recommend approval to the USBE the requested amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment request – Paradigm High School satellite campuses

Representatives of Paradigm High School informed the SCSB the amendment request to waive R277-482 timeline and open two elementary satellite elementary campuses serving 1,495 students in grades 1-6.

After much discussion no action was taken regarding the amendment request, but will return for the September or October Charter School Board meeting.

Amendment request – Salt Lake Charter School

Representatives of Salt Lake Charter School informed the SCSB the amendment request to change the name of the school to Mana Academy Charter School.

Motion was made by Member Laura Belnap and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend approval to the USBE the requested amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

UCA 53A-1a-501.9 application timeline and process

The SCSB was informed the new application for schools applying under UCA 53A-1a-501.9 was posted on the website last week. A mandatory pre-applicant training will be held July 15, 2013 and proposals are due September 3, 2013. The proposals will be reviewed by the SCSB and those that are invited to continue the process will have a December 2013 deadline to submit applications. These applications will be for the 2014-2015 school year and will require separate funding and student appropriations from the legislature.

Charter fidelity rubric and monitoring process

Janene Bowen presented to the SCSB a handout outlining a monitoring process framework. The benefits and timeframe for implementation were discussed.

Special Education challenges for charter schools

Member Howard Headlee suggested the need of the SCSB to be aware of specific challenges faced when providing placement and services for students with disabilities. Chair Beagley requested this subject be placed on a future SCSB agenda.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.