

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2013
Fast Forward High School
Logan Utah

APPROVED

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

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Jennifer Lambert, Janene Bowen, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Theresa Theurer, Freddie Cooper, Tina Smith, Shanda Parkinson, Marney Devroom, Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Kassi Capener, Sharon Fairbourn, Kim Jenson, Bryce Passey, Susan Scherer, Stephanie Colson,

Call to Order

Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Member Kristin Elinkowski led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Howard Headlee to approve the consent calendar (minutes of SCSB meeting held April 11, 2013, School LAND Trust plans, Revolving Loan recommendations to Ascent Academies-\$297,500, Kairos Academy-\$200,000, Maria Montessori Academy-\$163,400, Mountain West Montessori Academy-\$297-600, Scholar Academy-\$300,000 and Matriculation agreement with Venture Academy and Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning). The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting schedule and elections

Chair Tim Beagley informed the SCSB of the meeting schedule for FY14 reminding the board that the next meeting for the SCSB would be July 11, 2013, with no meeting in June; also of a two-day meeting in February to accommodate new charter school application presentations.

Chair Beagley also reminded the SCSB that their bylaws require a new chair and vice chair be elected between June and September each year. As Vice Chair, Dean Brockbank, will be conducting those elections. He will contact each of you regarding your interest in serving in each of those leadership positions.

Also, the SCSB will need to decide which two members will serve on the School LAND Trust committee, and the non-voting member of the USBE.

Swearing in of new board member

Chair Tim Beagley conducted the swearing in of Bruce Davis, a new SCSB member, replacing John Pingree who had resigned from the SCSB in February 2013.

Charter School Performance Standards

Director Marlies Burns and Jennifer Lambert, from the Charter School Section, presented to the SCSB spreadsheets showing the baselines for academics, finance and school governance data.

State Charter School Board FY14 budget

Director Marlies Burns presented to the SCSB the proposed budget for FY14 reflecting expenditures for salaries and benefits for the four charter school staff, purchased services, travel supplies and materials and data processing. Also flow through funds for the start-up and implementation grant as well as indirect costs.

Amendment request – Spectrum Academy

Representatives from Spectrum Academy presented to the SCSB their amendment request to revise performance measures and goals; Satellite #1-change location from Murray School District to Alpine School District, increase grades served to K-12, increase ultimate enrollment to 600 students (384 in 2014-2015, 480 in 2015-2016, 576 in 2016-2017, and 600 in 2017-2018).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Kristin Elinkowski to recommend for approval to the USBE the requested amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment request – Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning

Representatives from Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning presented to the SCSB their amendment request for a waiver from R277-429, to decrease school days for kindergarten to 157 with the corresponding increase of hours.

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

Amendment request – The Ranches Academy

Representatives from The Ranches Academy presented to the SCSB their amendment request to change the board bylaws.

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend for approval to the USBE the requested amendment. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Chair Tim Beagley, Vice Chair Dean Brockbank, Members Howard Headlee, Robert Enger, Bruce Davis, Kristin Elinkowski and Member Laura Belnap voting in opposition.

Recommended changes to Board Rules

R277-470 – technical changes, changes to section 6-mentoring program. Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend the changes to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

R277-481 – remove need for accreditation for elementary school, it is no longer required. Motion was made by Member Kristin Elinkowski and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to recommend the changes to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

R277-482 – technical changes; expansions needing approval; change approval dates to alleviate need of waivers. Motion was made by Vice Chair Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Robert Enger to recommend the changes to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recommended distribution of Early Intervention funds

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of the need to recommend distribution to charter schools of Early Intervention funds. After much discussion a committee of Howard Headlee, Laura Belnap and Theresa Theurer was formed to determine which schools qualify for those funds.

Credit Enhancement Program certification for Wasatch Peak Academy

Chair Tim Beagley informed the SCSB they have been asked by the Utah Charter School Finance Authority to review information specific to eight certifications and determine if Wasatch Peak Academy satisfactorily meets those items in order to qualify for the Credit Enhancement Program.

Motion was made by Member Robert Enger and seconded by Member Bruce Davis to recommend Wasatch Peak Academy for the Credit Enhancement Program with all the certifications measures asked by the Finance Authority. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Howard Headlee and seconded by Member Bruce Davis for an automatic academic certification for the Credit Enhancement Program, schools would be separated into elementary, middle school and high school categories; be required to be in the top 33% of total UCAS proficiency and growth scores and be compared to all public schools, the chair would be authorized to certify them as academically sufficient. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. by Member Laura Belnap.