

State Charter School Board
Minutes
August 19, 2004
USOE, Boardroom

Attending: Brian Allen, Anne Peterson, Sonia Zisumbo, Scott Smith, Barbara Killpack,
David Moss, Patricia Bradley, Jo Schmitt
Eric Smith

Excused:

Guests: Carol Lear, Ray Timothy, Janene Bowen, Matt Throckmorton, Royce VanTassell,
Steve Winitzky, Vickie Wilson, Gary Reed, Dan Early, Benjamin Lee

Brian Allen welcomed the board and guests.

Anne Peterson moved approval of the July 29 Minutes. Sonia Zisumbo seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as mailed.

Board members were reminded to contact Jo Schmitt concerning their intentions regarding Annual National Association of Charter School Authorizers Conference, October 25 and 26.

Patricia informed the board that they have in their binders an Analysis of Charter vs. Traditional Public Schools in Utah Performance Assessments. This work was done on 2003 CRT scores and has been planned for 2004 data when scores are available. Chris Was, the researcher who prepared the report will present to the board in September.

The board discussed their need to consider legislative and budget matters for recommendation to the Education Interim Committee in October. Brian Allen, Anne Peterson, Eric Smith and David Moss volunteered to serve on a subcommittee around this topic. Patricia will let Charter Schools know that they are invited to bring issues to this committee and input will also be sought from Representative Ferrin and Senator Stephenson. Steve Winitzky offered that the Charter School Association will provide input.

Brian Allen asked Winitzky to provide names of experienced charter operators who might agree to read the financial plans of charter applications.

Allen introduced Dawn Kay, Coordinators for Comprehensive Guidance Services at USOE. Dawn provided information on the TLC class involved in the waiver request the State Board will consider from Timpanogos Academy. Dawn was joined by Mary Shumway, Director of Career Technology Education at USOE. This waiver has been requested because Timpanogos will be adding an 8th grade this year and the TLC class is in R277-700 as a requirement for 8th grade. Shumway provided some examples of the flexibility that might be offered the Academy in meeting the requirement.

Considerable discussion ensued. A motion to table the issue was withdrawn in consideration of the need for the school to have a decision and the fact that the State Board will consider this waiver on Sept. 3. Allen made motion that *the State Charter School Board recommend that the Curriculum Committee of the State School Board recommend that the State Board of Education approve Timpanogos Academy's request for a waiver from the R277-700 on the condition that the school clarifies its intention to cover the majority of the standards in the TLC curriculum to the Curriculum Committee and seek support of state staff to provide the two classes outlined in their July 29 letter.* Moss seconded the motion and the motion passed with no members opposed. Eric Smith will encourage a representative of the school to attend the State Board meeting.

Allen welcomed Associate Superintendent Patrick Ogden and Finance Coordinator, Patty Murphy. Ogden presented information to the board on the Charter School FY 05 budget. Ogden reviewed the term WPU, the distribution formula involved in each program and the differentiated WPU, the issues with how to treat charter schools when formulas include base amounts for districts and funding on prior year's data.

Ogden explained the budget cycle and when enrollment estimates are provided to the Governor's Office³ and Fiscal Analyst.

USOE has under consideration developing a MSP for Charter Schools to address the anomalies found in traditional public education budget processes when applying them to charter schools. Issues of inequity arise that cannot be resolved under the existing structure. Such a change will require legislative action. Allen requested that the CS Board be involved as these discussions occur.

Allen introduced Joan Patterson, Coordinator for Educator Licensing at USOE. Patterson discussed the issue of Letters of Authorization for Charter School Administrators and Licensing requirements for school administrators. The question is what training should a charter school principal have if he/she does not hold a Supervisory/Administrative Endorsement/ Patterson outlined an array of classes that might provide a framework for satisfactory preparation for administrators of charter schools. The board discussed providing credit for experience and the option of taking the ETS School Leaders test. Patterson suggested a framework for approving letters of authorization that included the candidate completing two courses a year with a possible requirement of 6 semester courses or adequate test scores. Dave Moss, Scott Smith and Anne Peterson volunteered to work with Patricia in developing some recommendations that could be brought back to the board on this issue. Patricia will also seek a charter school board member and current principal/director to work with this group. Eleanor Perry from ASU was also recommended as a resource.

Patterson would like to have some direction from the State Charter School Board on this issue by November 15.

The last version of the Charter Application was discussed. Barbara moved to accept the application with the addition of email information for Patricia Bradley and Jo Schmitt and

holding the due dates. Application was approved as amended. Patricia will email applicants a final and approved version after the meeting and post it to the website.

The board discussed how to address parties who have contacted the office since the deadline for *Intent to Apply* passed. Allen moved that the State Charter School Board consider no applications for 2005-2006 charter unless an *Intent to Apply* has been or is received by USOE by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 24. Scott Smith seconded and motion carried. Bradley will send out a public notice immediately after this meeting.

Board discussed the Conversion document. December is still the goal for completing State Board conversions. Eric Smith moved the document be approved with a change to the format for indicating grade levels and enrollment. Moss seconded the motion and it was approved.

Board agreed to consider six conversions in its September meeting and advised Bradley to invite those who expressed need for priority consideration to be among those six.

Allen shared with the committee a written copy of his comments (August 6, 2004) to the State Board during the discussion of granting approval to the East Hollywood and Moab recommendation for charter and waiver to timeline. Allen noted that the comments reflect exactly his words; however, he acknowledged a mis-statement regarding the refusal of some of the State Board to vote for any charter approvals. Board discussed that future recommendations from this board should by-pass law and policy committee and go directly to full USBE.

Discussion on awards under the Public Charter School Program federal grant was tabled until the next meeting.

Scott moved to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

Next Meeting
September 16, 2004
10:00