

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
**November 12, 2009**  
North & South Board Rooms  
Utah State Office of Education

**APPROVED**

Members present: Julie Adamic, Brian Allen, Tim Beagley, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, Tom Morgan, John Pingree, Scott Smith

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Cory Kanth, Jeannie Rowland, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Janet Cannon, Mark Cluff, Kim Frank, Janene Bowen, Carol Lear, Lincoln Fillmore, DeLaina Tonks, Robyn Bagley

Call to Order

Chair Brian Allen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comments

Kim Frank and Mark Cluff, representing Utah Association of Public Charter Schools (UAPCS), updated the SCSB of the UAPCS legislative proposals for ongoing funding solutions for charter school students.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Vice Chair Tom Morgan to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2009 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Brian Allen recognized Timpanogos Academy regarding the school's recognition with CORE Knowledge and Spalding.

Chair Allen also stated that after reviewing the FY09 Financial Report, there are three schools in a deficit position. He went on to say, that the staff and the SCSB is working with those schools to correct their status.

Also, enrollment numbers are finalized and the projections that were made were within 1,000 of the actual enrollment numbers. Charter School students now represent a little over 6% of the student population of the state.

In closing, Chair Allen stated he had attended American Preparatory Academy's Veterans Day Celebration and was touched by the student's excitement for the event.

***Information Items***

Charter school application process changes

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of the Charter School Application changes that are in progress.

AFR 2009 highlights

Cory Kanth distributed AFR Highlights, FY2009 document.

***Action Items***

Board Standing Committee Reports

The Rule Review Committee and Legislative Committee met together for their meeting. Subjects that were addressed and discussed were changes to the rule and formula for R277-491-School Community Councils,

R277-477-Distruction of Funds from School Trust Lands Account and 53A-21-401 (6)(a) Capital Outlay Loan Program.

Amendment Request: Open High School of Utah – changes to charter

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of the changes that Open High School of Utah is requesting to their charter. Director DeLaina Tonks and Chair Robyn Bagley of Open High School of Utah presented their amendment request to the SCSB.

Carol Lear, representing the USOE, expressed her concerns in the changed application that would present serious concerns for the USBE, who ultimately has the final say in approval of state charter schools. Those concerns regarded: 1) parents on governing boards; 2) BYU, being a private religious university, is now driving the curriculum of the school; 3) seat time is the only accountability measure for student learning; 4) special education adjusted on student needs; 5) employees ratified by the board, as opposed to approved by the board; 6) transportation provided to those students on fee waivers for test taking.

After much discussion, motion was made by Member Scott Smith to recommend Open High School of Utah to work with the Charter School Staff regarding language of amendment to be further established and clarified before recommending to the USBE.

Substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Tom Morgan and seconded by Member Scott Smith to take no action at this time, and recommend Chair Brian Allen give direction to Open High School of Utah to work with the Charter School Staff regarding language of the amendment to be further established and clarified. In addition to the motion, Member Tim Beagley recommended Open High School of Utah and the Charter School Staff to take an incremental approach and to prioritize the amendments that are being made. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Request: John Hancock Charter School – purchase of My Access for 2009-2010 school year

Member Julie Adamic excused herself from this portion of the agenda, because of her association with John Hancock Charter School. Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to approve the purchase of My Access for John Hancock Charter School to allow the school to participate in Utah Write assessments. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.