

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
April 12, 2012
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Dean Brockbank, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, Scott Smith

Members excused: Tom Morgan, John Pingree

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Carol Murphy, Lincoln Fillmore, Dan Page, Steve Crandall, Dave Hoffman, Noreen Gibbons, Scott Jones, Barbara Alldredge, Lani Pili, Shelley Nordick, Noah Williams, Kim Frank

Call to Order

Vice Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Legislative Review

Dr. Menlove distributed the Public Education Summary booklet that addressed the 2012 General Session of the Utah Legislature. The booklet contains fiscal highlights and a summary of the 66 bills that passed the legislature this session that impacted education. The booklet also contains bills that were not passed and those that are on the S.J.R. 3 (Master Study Resolution) list which will give some indication of what will likely be in next year's legislative session.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2012 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Paradigm High School

Representatives from Paradigm High School informed the SCSB of its request to amend its charter to add 80 students beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, which would require a waiver from board rule because of the timeline.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to approve for recommendation to the USBE the amendment request to add 80 students for the 2013-2014 school year, but to deny the waiver request for 2012-2013 school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Quail Run Primary School

Representatives from Quail Run Primary School informed the SCSB of its request to amend its charter to add grade 9, with no additional students beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Scott Smith to approve for recommendation to the USBE the amendment request; contingent upon a report in the SCSB May meeting from staff indicating all teachers are properly licensed and endorsed, with an approved plan reflected in the CACTUS program. The motioned carried with affirmative votes Members Dean Brockbank, Scott Smith and Yolanda Francisco-Nez. Member Laura Belnap voted in opposition.

Amendment Request – Summit Academy Satellite #1

Steve Crandall, Executive Director of Summit Academy, informed the SCSB of its request to add a satellite school in Jordan or Canyons School District in the 2014-2015 school year. Because there were no board members from the school in attendance, Vice Chair Tim Beagley asked Mr. Crandall and USOE staff of the possibility the request be moved to the May SCSB meeting agenda. With no objections to Mr. Beagley's request, Summit Academy's amendment request will be placed on the May, 2012 board agenda.

Amendment Request – Valley Academy

Representatives from Valley Academy informed the SCSB of its request to amend its charter to add grade 8 and 50 additional students beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, using a two year growth model. Also to eliminate the references to "ischool" in the charter, which no longer exists as a CMO.

After discussion, Valley Academy withdrew the amendment request to add grade 8 and the additional students until the August 2012 SCSB Meeting.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve for recommendation to the USBE the amendment request to remove the "ischool" language in the charter.

Review of School LAND Trust Plans

The School LAND Trust Plans were reviewed and discussed by the SCSB. Because of questions and concerns the board had regarding some of the school's plans it was determined to hold any decisions and motions until the May SCSB meeting and have the School LAND Trust staff clarify those concerns.

Proposed rule changes

Director Burns reviewed the changes and modifications to R277-470 and R277-482 based on changed laws.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to approve the discussed changes and modifications to R277-482. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and Member Laura Belnap to approve the discussed and suggested changes to R277-470. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith to move into an executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session at 11:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to reconvene into open meeting at 11:55 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:00 noon by Member Scott Smith.