

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
**September 9, 2010**  
North & South Board Rooms  
Utah State Office of Education

**APPROVED**

Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Dean Brockbank, Tom Morgan, John Pingree, Scott Smith  
Members excused: Yolanda Francisco-Nez

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

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Ike Spencer, Rick Kempton, Janene Bowen, Mark Johnson, Max Meyer, Carolyn Sharette, Laura Campbell, Tim Evansich, Tyler Nielson, Erin Preston, Joel Wright, Shelly Taylor, Sol Garcia, Ann Gubler, Justin Kennington, Steve Whitehouse, Alicia Hansen, Jody Lusty, Diana West, Stephanie Gibson, Monty Hardy, Eric Robins, Dirk Matthias

Call to Order

Chair Tom Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

State Charter School Board Teacher of the Year

Rick Kempton, Director of Noah Webster Academy introduced Angela Kirk to the SCSB as the State Charter School Board Teacher of the Year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Vice Chair Tim Beagley to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2010 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Tom Morgan stated he is impressed by the amount of work, willingness and effort the Charter School Staff, the Charter School Board Members, individual schools and other individuals that work so hard to educate the children of Utah. Chair Morgan also stated that he and Vice Chair Tim Beagley has seen recently a lot of work being done by our state government; to look at the board, to understand how the board is doing and give it an opportunity for improvement.

Chair Morgan stated our credibility, as educators, is really enhanced when we take it upon ourselves to set high standards and to not shrink from challenge. Because we are innovative and want to be creative, and because we have a different approach to education, we ought to take the opportunity to set standards for ourselves before those standards are set for us.

With the recent challenges that have come before the State Charter School Board it is important for the board to step out and create for ourselves high achievable standards that create credibility, to help everybody obtain those standards.

### Public Comments

Janene Bowen, representing Jordan School District, shared a general concern, stating that according to the law a district should receive an application for an amendment request from the school requesting a Satellite and she was not confident all schools were aware of that direction. Ms. Bowen expressed her concerns that Jordan School District had not received a copy of American Preparatory Academy's amendment requests.

### Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Accelerated Schools

Carolyn Sharette, Executive Director of American Preparatory Schools, informed the SCSB of their amendment request to open the school in the 2011-2012 school year with grades K-10 and then expanding to grades 11 and 12, to be located in Granite School District. Director Burns stated the amendment request that was submitted to the USOE stated the school would add grade 10 in the 2012-2013 school year, grade 11 in 2013-2014 and grade 12 in 2014-2015.

Because of the confusion in the amendment request regarding grades and a different location of the school, Chair Morgan proposed to table the amendment request until the October SCSB Meeting to give the school time to submit an updated amendment request that states what is actually requested and have representation from Granite School District.

### Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Satellite #3

Carolyn Sharette, Executive Director of American Preparatory Schools, informed the SCSB of the amendment request for a satellite school.

After much discussion and concerns regarding management companies of charter schools, the request was tabled for updated information.

### Amendment Request – Excelsior Academy

Director Burns informed the SCSB of Excelsior Academy's amendment request for multiple changes to its charter agreement.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Scott Smith to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Amendment Request – Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy

Justin Kennington, Head Master of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy, informed the SCSB of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy's amendment request for an additional 25 students in the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request with direction to the Charter School staff to follow-up on background checks of teachers and for the school to work with the Charter School Staff to fulfill the requirements of compliance regarding teacher certification and licensing. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Amendment Request – Providence Hall

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of Providence Hall's amendment request to add grades 7-9 and 750 students over the next three years following the growth model: grade 7 and 400 students added in 2011-2012, grade 8 and 150 students added in 2012-2013, and grade 9 and 150 students added in 2013-2014.

Janene Bowen, representing Jordan School District, informed the SCSB that the district is supportive of the amendment request and feels Providence Hall is a model school to work with.

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Laura Belnap to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Walden School

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of Walden School of Liberal Arts' amendment request for an additional 30 students in the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member John Pingree to recommend for approval to the USBE the amendment request. Member Laura Belnap voiced her concerns regarding background checks and expired licenses of teachers. Director Diana West informed the SCSB she was unaware of the noncompliance of background checks and expired licenses and would remedy the situation. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Entheos Academy-Satellite School #1

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB of Entheos Academy's amendment request to add a satellite school to be located in Magna, UT beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The school will serve grades K-9 and a maximum of 500 students.

After much discussion and concerns regarding AYP and test scores, the request was tabled for updated information until the SCSB October meeting. Chair Tom Morgan also requested information and input from Granite School District regarding the satellite request.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.