

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
**April 7, 2010**  
North & South Board Rooms  
Utah State Office of Education

**APPROVED**

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

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

Others present: Martell Menlove, Janet Cannon, Todd Hauber, Carol Lear, Darren Beck, Merry Fusselman, Chris Anderson, Heather Traeden

Call to Order

Chair Brian Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2010 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Charter School Board Chair's Report

Chair Brian Allen informed the SCSB that he had visited Vista at Entrada charter school in Ivins, Utah and stated the school is using innovation Apple technology, iSchool. Chair Allen feels it is an amazing technology the school is using.

Chair Brian Allen informed the SCSB that the Education Excellence Commission, which is a new initiative by the Governor, had its first meeting. Chair Allen stated he feels it holds some real promise and that there is possibility of a sustainable funding solution for charter schools, which may include tax increases and revenue enhancements as possible solutions.

Charter School Board Members terms of membership were discussed and the SCSB members were informed that Members John Pingree, Julie Adamic and Chair Brian Allen's terms expire on June 30, 2010. Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB that nominees are being submitted to the Governor's office for consideration and appointments would most likely be made in June.

***Information Items***

Enrollment Projections 2010-2011

Director Marlies Burns distributed a spreadsheet with enrollment projections for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Burns stated she has not heard from all of the schools to date, but if the schools enroll all students that are projected the number would be 40,593 students. In law SB2, states that for the 2010-2011 school year, charter schools may enroll 42,211 students. If the enrollment counts come in as projected, it would leave a balance of 1,600 students.

Charter School website update

Paul Crawford, IT Analyst, informed the SCSB that R277-470-5 states the State Charter School Board shall require new charter schools and schools that are expanding their population by 10% have websites that may be reviewed. Mr. Crawford stated that all of the charter school's websites are in the acceptable range, with the

exception of Bear River Charter School, which is missing a few key components and he is working with the school.

### Public Education Summary of 2010 General Session of the Utah Legislature

Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB that most of the bills affect public education in general, and not unique to districts or unique to charter schools and everyone took a 1.5% operational budget cut.

However, SB 188 affects charter schools directly, which places a charter school board member as a non-voting member of the USBE; establishes enrollment; clarifies responsibilities of charters and districts for students moving between; clarifies conflict of interest; regarding the revolving loan committee.

### ***Action Items***

#### Board Standing Committee Reports

- Accountability Committee-Jeannie Rowland informed the SCSB that the committee met to discuss the status of NAAS process and implementation.
- Legislative & Rule Review Committee-Brian Allen informed the SCSB the committee met and discussed updates on passed legislation impacting charter schools; State Board Rules which must be written and amended; and changes to 53A-1a-506-refugee students.

R277-470-17 – Charter School Building Subaccount was presented to the SCSB for discussion. After much discussion, motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to remove the timeframe and the dollar amount in that timeframe and leave that decision to the board based upon the applicant’s request, with \$300,000 as the maximum amount per school request and or loan(s), and to strike the \$750 per pupil amount. Member Tim Beagley amended the motion to remove line numbers 56-71 of the distributed document. Member Scott Smith having made the original motion was agreeable with the amended motion. Member Scott Smith also amended the motion to include the definition of the intent of the funds. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### Amendment Request – Legacy Preparatory Academy

Legacy Preparatory Academy would like to request an additional 100 students distributed through grades 6-11 for the school year 2010-2011. Legacy Preparatory Academy has already been allocated 75 students for the upcoming year, and would like the additional 100 students on top of their previous allocation for the 2010-2011 school year, for a total student enrollment of 1,014. Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member John Pingree to recommend to the USBE approval of the amendment request to Legacy Preparatory Academy’s charter. The motion was carried unanimously

#### Amendment Request – Weilenmann School of Discovery

Weilenmann School of Discovery is requesting to add seventh and eighth grade students during the 2010-2011 school year, with no additional students. Motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Scott Smith to recommend to the USBE approval of the amendment request to Weilenmann School of Discovery’s charter. Member Tim Beagley amended the motion to allow Park City School District to respond formally and to offer their thoughts regarding this amendment to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously

### ***Executive Session***

Motion was made to move into an executive session for the purpose of (1) discussing pending litigation and (2) character and professional competence discussions regarding charter schools. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member John Pingree to reconvene into open meeting. Motion carried with Members Brian Allen, Tim Beagley, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, John Pingree, and Scott Smith voting in favor; Members Julie Adamic and Tom Morgan absent.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.