

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting
Minutes
October 8, 2010
North & South Board Rooms
Utah State Office of Education

APPROVED

Members present: Tim Beagley, Laura Belnap, Dean Brockbank, Tom Morgan, Scott Smith

Members excused: John Pingree, Yolanda Francisco-Nez

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

Staff excused: Georgia Loutensock

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Martell Menlove, Ike Spencer, Howard Headlee, Phil Collins, Laura Campbell, Clay Hatch, Mark Cluff, Jeff Herr, Carolyn Sharette, Tim Evancich, Jared Bennett, Whitney Reich, Monty Hardy, Stephanie Gibson, Eric Robins, Dirk Matthias, Karen Rackliffe, John Gutman

Call to Order

Chair Tom Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Scott Smith to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2010 State Charter School Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Accelerated School

Howard Headlee, Chairman of the Governing Board of Utah Charter Academies, informed the SCSB of the amendment request for APA-Accelerated School to add grades 10-12 and 450 students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. The school requests to add grade 10 and 150 students in 2011-2012, grade 11 and 150 students in 2012-2013, and grade 12 and 150 students in 2013-2014.

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

Amendment Request – American Preparatory Academy-Satellite School #3

Carolyn Sharette, Executive Director, informed the SCSB of the school's request to add Satellite School #3, which would serve grades K-9 and 645 students beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tim Beagley and seconded by Chair Tom Morgan to recommend the request for approval to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment Request – Entheos Academy-Satellite School #1

Monty Hardy, School Business Manager, and Stephanie Gibson, a Member of Entheos Academy's Governing Board, informed the SCSB of the school's request to add Satellite School #1, which will serve grades K-9 and 500 students beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, located in Magna, UT.

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

Amendment Request – Utah Virtual Academy

Director Marlies Burns, informed the SCSB of the school's amendment request to increase student population for the 2011-2012 school year from 2,050 to 2,800 students with an incremental increase of 750 students each year thereafter for the next four years through the 2015-2016 school year, expanding enrollment by 3,750 students.

Board Chair Tom Morgan recommended tabling the request for a future date, to show the need of increased student population.

Also, the SCSB was informed of the school's amendment request to its charter agreement to change its parent organizational structure from an advisory group to the board to include multiple opportunities for parental involvement in management decisions.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Dean Brockbank to recommend the amendment request for approval to the USBE. The motion was carried unanimously.

Performance Management – Operational Quality measures, metrics, and targets

Chair Tom Morgan introduced to the SCSB a performance management program outline and suggested the SCSB adopt the program as board rule. Mr. Morgan informed the SCSB that this program would be a minimal standard of operation for charter schools. Cory Kanth discussed the financial performance and sustainability portion of the program.

Chair Tom Morgan proposed to adopt this set of criteria for the board's operational standards and present them to the USBE for review and approval.

Motion was made by Member Dean Brockbank and seconded by Member Scott Smith to present the Performance Management document to the USBE for review. In addition, Vice Chair Tim Beagley requested all charter school board members and other interested parties receive the document for review and comment. The motion was carried unanimously.

Deputy Superintendent Menlove informed the SCSB the recommendations that went before the USBE at their last meeting were accepted, except the recommendation concerning the amendments to Excelsior Academy. The USBE tabled the amendment and requested Excelsior Academy to return when they have additional information regarding their audited annual financial statement.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. by Member Scott Smith.