

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
Thursday, July 10, 2014 – Board Rooms
USOE

APPROVED

Members Present:

Chair Tim Beagley
Vice Chair Dean Brockbank
Member Laura Belnap
Member Bruce Davis
Member Howard Headlee

Members Excused:

Member Robert Enger
Member Kristin Elinkowski

Staff present:

Marlies Burns
Jennifer Lambert
Joe Heywood
Dan Schoenfeld

Others present:

Teresa Theurer, Heather Groom, Luann Leavitt, Tina Smith, Joylin Lincoln, Kim Dohrer, Trish Tranwell, Deborah Swenson, Jamie Johnson, Meggen Pettit, Coreta Betts, Lita Sagato, Anapesi Kaili, Lavinia Taumoepeau, Sol Garcia

Call to Order

Chair Tim Beagley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Tim Beagley led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Report

Chair Tim Beagley informed the SCSB the board elections for next year's chair and vice chair will be held in August, 2014. Vice Chair Dean Brockbank will be overseeing the elections.

Chair Beagley introduced two new Charter School staff members:

Dr. Joe Heywood, will be involved with and monitoring compliance issues. He was born and raised in Los Angeles from a large family of educators. He completed his BA in history teaching at Brigham Young University, Masters in Education Leadership at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and Doctorate of Education at Utah State University. He has worked as a teacher and administrator for over 16 years in multiple school districts in California, Arizona and Utah. Most recently Dr. Heywood has been the director of Moab Charter School. His wife is an accountant and resource specialist, they have been married for 18 years, with four children. Hobbies include reading, backpacking, running, and hunting. He plans to make their home in Kamas, Utah.

Danny Schoenfeld, financial manager in the Charter School Section. He has over 10 years of public sector experience; has worked with the Utah State Legislature, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, and most recently with the State Charter School Board. Mr. Schoenfeld has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a

Masters in Public Administration, both from the University of Utah. Mr. Schoenfeld lives in Sandy, Utah and has a 3 year old son.

Chair Beagley informed the SCSB of the deadline of July 15th for people to put in proposals for the RFP on the mentoring program. Staff is asking for board members to help review those applications. Member Howard Headlee indicated he would be part of the review of RFP applications.

Chair Beagley also updated the SCSB of three charter schools that are currently on probation status. Jennifer Lambert provided a report of terms that were required of them during probation. Canyon Grove Academy has four probation stipulations to meet and appears to be on track to meet all of them. While the data is not yet available for three of the stipulations, the school did meet the stipulation for the school year 2014, with 100% of their teacher qualified. Data for the remaining stipulations will be available by late fall. Liberty Academy needs a clean audit, which will be coming up in November. Mana Academy Charter School, given 28 stipulations, and have met 13 of them to date. For 12 of the stipulations the school has provided what has been requested and staff is waiting to review that data. The remaining stipulations cannot be answered yet because deadlines are in the fall. Two stipulations, while answered by the school required some minor follow-up by the staff, and it is anticipated the school will meet those stipulations as well.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Member Bruce Davis moved and Vice Chair Dean Brockbank seconded to approve the Consent Calendar (Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Board Meeting, Early Intervention Kindergarten Funding grants and approval of Letter of Certification for Credit Enhancement Program). The motion was carried with affirmative votes from Chair Tim Beagley, Vice Chair Dean Brockbank, Members Bruce Davis and Howard Headlee. Member Laura Belnap abstained from the vote.

Amendment request – Hawthorn Academy

Representatives from Hawthorn Academy informed the SCSB of their request for a satellite school in the Jordan School District serving grades K-6 and 740 students, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION: Member Howard Headlee moved and Member Bruce Davis seconded to recommend approval to the USBE the amendment request. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment request – C.S. Lewis Academy

Representatives from C.S. Lewis Academy informed the SCSB of their amendment request to change the school's mission and purpose, fiscal procedures, board member elections and committee structure.

Vice Chair Dean Brockbank made recommendation to C.S. Lewis Academy to withdraw the amendment request and take the questions and concerns they have heard back to the rest of the board for further clarification and consideration. Chair Beagley agreed with Vice Chair Brockbank's recommendation, but also suggested to continue working with Director Marlies Burns for any additional direction.

MOTION: After much discussion, Member Howard Headlee made motion to move to the next item on the agenda. No action was taken regarding the amendment request.

Amendment request – Spectrum Academy

Representatives from Spectrum Academy informed the SCSB of their amendment request to correct the approved student enrollment. Specifically, a mathematical error in the original request caused the authorized enrollments for all school years to be off by 48 students (add 48 students; 432 total in SY2016; 528 total in SY2017; 624 total in SY2018; and 648 total in SY2019).

MOTION: Member Bruce Davis moved and Member Laura Belnap seconded to recommend approval to the USBE the amendment request along with the request for a waiver from board rule, because of missing the May 1st deadline. The motion carried unanimously.

Review R277-481 and R277-482

Tabled to a future board meeting, to give staff additional time to address changes to the rules.

Report – Governing Board Stewardship measures and metrics

Director Burns led the discussion regarding direction and ideas regarding the Governing Board Stewardship, measures and metrics. The four indicator areas of the document – Educational Program, Financial Management & Oversight, Governance & Reporting, and Students & Employees, and in each of the four indicators, there are four measures.

After discussion, Director Burns was given the approval and “go ahead” to put the framework together and report back to the SCSB in September.

Funding and/or Policy Initiatives during 2015 Legislative Session

Chair Beagley informed the SCSB they have been asked by the State Legislature, Utah State Board of Education and Utah State Office of Education to provide any funding and policy initiatives to them within the next few months for the next legislative session.

Director Burns stated she felt additional funds were needed for revolving loans and start-up grants, that were not addressed in the last legislative session. Additional requests for funding include the mentoring program with contractors to examine charter fidelity.

Funding for all students, including kindergarten students was also discussed as a concern.

Chair Tim Beagley suggested the State Board of Education update and review state board rules, to better help the SCSB accomplish their role. Also Chair Beagley suggested contacting the charter school associations in order to work together in requesting changes.

Work Session: Charter School Replication and Turnaround

Director Burns led the discussion regarding charter school replication and turnaround.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Member Bruce Davis to adjourn.