

Utah State Charter School Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 20, 2005  
North & South Board Rooms  
Utah State Office of Education

Members present: Barbara Killpack, David Moss, Anne Peterson, Eric Smith, Scott Smith, Sonia Zisumbo

Members excused: Brian Allen

Staff present: John Broberg, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Ray Timothy, Mark Cluff, Monty Hardy, Jeff Hardy, Janene Bowen, Grady McEvoy, Doug Hintze, Max Meyer, Patsy Bueno, Judy Mainord, Steve Winitsky, Tama Barry, Roberta Hardy, Howard Mitchell, Celia Johnson, Val Johnson

1. Call to Order

Member David Moss called the meeting to order, at 10:10 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Anne Peterson to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2004 meeting, seconded by Member Scott Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Executive Session

Motion was made to go into executive session by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Barbara Killpack for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. The Board was polled and by unanimous consent of those present the Board moved into an executive session.

Motion was made by Member Anne Peterson and seconded by Member Scott Smith to move out of executive session, the board was polled and by unanimous consent, the board moved out of executive session.

Mark Cluff a newly elected member of the State Board of Education out of Utah County was introduced.

Motion was made by Member Barbara Killpack and seconded by Member Anne Peterson to make the applications from Pinnacle High and Paradigm High be converted from action items to information items Motion was carried unanimously.

4. Rehearing of Pinnacle High Application

Roberta Hardy representative from Pinnacle High presented the application for Pinnacle High School for charter school status. Representatives from Carbon School District presented to the State Charter School Board their reasons for not approving a charter to Pinnacle High.

Motion was made by Member Scott Smith and seconded by Member Eric Smith to approve Pinnacle High School for grades 9 and 10, with a population cap of 75 students, with an increase of 50 students in subsequent years to fill the high school. The motion carried with Members David Moss, Sonia Zisumbo, Anne Peterson in favor and Member Barbara Killpack opposing.

#### 5. Rehearing of Paradigm High Application

Representatives from Paradigm high presented a power point presentation. Janene Bowen from Jordan School District expressed her concern as to why the board was rehearing the application. She felt this was not a rehearing, but a new application from Paradigm High.

Motion was made by Member David Moss and seconded by Member Barbara Killpack to remove Paradigm High application from in information item to an action item. The motion carried unanimously.

Member David Moss made motion and seconded by Member Eric Smith to deny Paradigm High's application with clear understanding that they would resubmit for the 2006 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Charter Legislation

John Broberg informed the board of two bills that Representative Ferrin is presenting to the legislature. One bill would exempt owners of the property where a charter school is located having to pay property taxes. The other bill is to change the deadline for charter school applications.

Motion was made by Member Anne Peterson and seconded by Member Eric Smith to convene the legislative committee within the next three weeks to discuss administrative funding and proposal for staffing enhancement. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 7. Board Retreat

John Broberg was instructed by Board Chair Brian Allen to present to the Charter School Board a need for a retreat to discuss governance, process, strategic planning as to where the board is headed in the future, etc; to develop an alliance within the board. Motion made by Member Barbara Killpack and seconded by Member Scott Smith to have board retreat to communicate date and place by email. Member Anne Peterson offered an amendment to have the retreat only if the full board of seven members could be in attendance, Member David Moss added Superintendent Patti Harrington name to the amendment. The motion with the amendment carried unanimously.

#### 8. Reporting Processes

John Broberg suggested that the Charter School Board implement asking charter schools to send to the state office copies of their monthly finance reports and a copy of their local board minutes; and then in turn, the state office forward them onto the board members. A motion was made by Member Eric Smith and seconded by Member Scott Smith that the board require monthly financial reports and local board meeting minutes be submitted monthly to John Broberg's office, and a copy be given to Charter School Board Members. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Conversion documents for Jean Massieu and Tuacahn High

Member Barbara Killpack stated that she does not see measurement goals from the schools in the conversion document. The board would like the requirements for conversion to show measurement goals, and board changes in any. Motion was made by Member Eric Smith and seconded by Member Barbara Killpack to table the approval of these conversions until additional information is given. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Timothy asked for clarification from the board on status of two RFP's; one, the Utah Foundation, a follow-up study of Charter School Financial Liability and two, Academic Performance for Charter Schools. The board feels that the Utah Foundation RFP was approved at the last meeting, but the quality study was approved only to create an RFP. Nothing is being done at this time concerning the quality study. John Broberg is cautious concerning the funds available for both studies. Ray Timothy understood that Patricia Bradley had set aside sufficient funds to do the second study. Member Eric Smith pointed out when the facilities grant application was written, the study was written in the grant, and the state office is obligated to do the study.

Motion was made by Member David Moss to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.