

State Charter School Board
Minutes
July 29, 2004
10:00 – 1:30
USOE, Room 138

Attending: Brian Allen, Anne Peterson, Sonia Zisumbo, Scott Smith, Barbara Killpack,
David Moss, Patricia Bradley

Excused: Eric Smith

Guests: Ben Leishman, Steve Winitzky, Matt Throckmorton, Carol Lear, Janene Bowen,
Mark Allen, Royce VanTassell

Brian Allen welcomed the board and guests.

Sonia Zisumbo moved approval of the July 15 Minutes. David Moss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as mailed.

Board members received information regarding the Annual National Association of Charter School Authorizers Conference, October 25 and 26. Members will contact Jo Schmitt if they want to arrange to attend.

The board discussed suggestions on changes to the Charter Application presented by Brian Allen. Details of suggested changes were discussed and considered. Board agreed that the Application will probably need to be reviewed yearly.

After much discussion, Anne Peterson moved that Patricia remove the Reader's Guide and Administrative Checklist from the Application itself, include a place for applicants to describe how their proposed charter meets the purposes of charter schools as outlined in statute, add a place for applicants to describe their intended outreach efforts, add an email address to the contact information and post the application with these changes to the website for further comment accepted until August 12 (1 week before the next board meeting). Bobbi Killpack seconded the motion. Motion passed and board will finalize the application at its next meeting.

Sonia Zisumbo moved to table the discussion of whether to merge the assurances with the agreement and to leave the agreement posted to the website with comments accepted until August 12. Scott Smith seconded the motion. The board will finalize the Agreement at its next meeting.

Board discussed who should read charter applications. Scott Smith moved that we continue to use state office readers and develop a pool of other interested readers from higher education and existing operators. Sonia Zisumbo seconded the motion and the motion passed. Patricia will bring information about the pool of potential readers to the next board meeting for possible selection of readers.

