

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
Thursday, August 31, 2015
USOE – Board Rooms

APPROVED

Members Present:

Chair Howard Headlee
Vice Chair Kristin Elinkowski
Member DeLaina Tonks
Member Tim Beagley
Member Bruce Davis
Member Robert Enger
Member Dean Brockbank

Staff Present:

Marlies Burns
Joe Heywood
Jennifer Lambert
Stacy Carroll
David Thomas
Jo Schmitt

Others present:

Warren Shenk, Tammy Harter, Darren Hensley, Joylyn Lincoln

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kristin Elinkowski called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Report

Chair Howard Headlee informed the SCSB that he and Vice Chair Kristin Elinkowski will be holding a regular audience, on a monthly basis with Governor Gary Herbert; also they will be meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of USBE next week.

Alianza Academy

MOTION: Member Robert Enger moved and Member Bruce Davis seconded the motion referenced in the following letter, dated August 19, 2015, Alianza's Board of Trustees notified the State Charter School Board's Executive Director that it would "close the school after its first day of classes." The State Charter School Board understands that Alianza has engaged the Charter School Closure process provided for in U.C.A. §53A-1a-510.5. Because of its stated intent and actions in closing the school it is moved that the State Charter School Board acknowledge and accept Alianza's Board of Trustees' decision to terminate the operation of the Alianza Charter School and work to assist it in completing the closure of the school. As part of that process the State Charter School Board will notify effected and interested parties of the Charter School closure. The State Charter School Board directs its staff to provide such notice to interested parties. The motion carried unanimously.

Wasatch Institute of Technology

MOTION: Member Bruce Davis moved and Vice Chair Kristin Elinkowski seconded the motion referenced in the following email, dated August 17, 2015, Wasatch Institute of Technology notified the State Charter School Board that it would engage the school closure process provided in U.C.A. §53A-1a-510.5, and asked guidance as to how to proceed. The State Charter School Board understands that WIT has since begun that closure

process. Because of its stated intent and actions in closing the school it is moved that the State Charter School Board acknowledge and accept WIT's decision to terminate the operation of its Charter School and work to assist it in completing the closure of the school. As part of that process the State Charter School Board will notify effected and interested parties of the Charter School closure. The State Charter School Board directs its staff to provide such notice to interested parties. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment request – Esperanza Elementary

Representatives of Esperanza Elementary presented to the SCSB the school's amendment request to increase enrollment by 50 students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION: Member Tim Beagley moved and Member DeLaina Tonks seconded to recommend approval to the USBE for Esperanza Elementary to increase enrollment by 50 students, 525 students total, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, not the 2015 2016 school year as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Update – Aristotle Academy

Document was distributed to the SCSB reflecting the progress Aristotle Academy is making in regards to the eight terms the SCSB set in their probation. Executive Director Marlies Burns stated, one of the terms has been met, one will not be met, and six are still pending because there are several things that have to be collected in order to be able to give a definitive answer.

FY17 budget proposal

Member Robert Enger and Executive Director Marlies Burns presented the FY17 budget proposal to the SCSB. After discussion, Member Tim Beagley suggested the need of an adjustment to the budget to increase the amount being sent forward as a request and include Start-up and Implementation funds. Chair Howard Headlee stated he would like the SCSB members consider other funds to be included in the budget and have the charter school associations and other interested parties be included in the conversation.

Discussion – R277-417, Prohibiting LEAs and Third Party Providers from Offering Incentives or Reimbursements for Enrollment or Participation

Executive Director Marlies Burns presented for discussion R277-417, which was effective July 8th. This rule was an outcome of the USBE's audit on distance education.

Discussion – Charter Agreement

David Thomas, the attorney assigned to the Charter School Section by the AG's office, presented a charter school agreement template that meets the minimum legal requirements that are dictated by statute and rule. The objectives, goals, and standards of each school now needs to be established and added to the document.

Adjourn: Motion was made at 3:50 p.m. by Member Bruce Davis to adjourn.