MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 USBE – Basement West

Approved

Members Present:

Chair Kristin Elinkowski
Vice Chair DeLaina Tonks
Member Bruce Davis
Member Dean Brockbank (conference call)
Member Greg Haws
Member Michelle Smith (conference call)
Member Cynthia Phillips (conference call)

Staff Present:

Jennifer Lambert Armando Venegas Rabecca Cisneros Michael Clark David Thomas James Madsen

Others Present:

Alisa Ellis (conference call), Kevin Fenstermacher, Cate Klundt, Kim Frank, Heather Allen.

Call to Order

Chair Elinkowski called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. and informed those in attendance that Member Phillips, Member Smith, and USBE Member Ellis would be joining via conference call, while Member Brockbank would join the call at a later time.

Kairos Academy Discussion

Kim Frank, of Utah Charter Network (UCN), discussed appointing a mentor to the school, the process of designating Kairos Academy as an alternative school, changing leadership at the school, the potential of grant funding to augment the school's budget, and changing their charter agreement.

Members of the SCSB, and its staff, responded to Kim Frank's discussion points, and discussed funding for mentoring, and Kairos' enrollment and board history.

Motion

Member Davis moved, and Vice Chair Tonks seconded, to move into a closed session to discuss the character, competence and related matters of an individual. The motion carried unanimously by the members present.

Roll call:

Member Haws—yes. Member Davis—yes. Vice Chair Tonks—yes. Member Smith—yes. Member Phillips—yes. Chair Elinkowski—yes.

Member Brockbank—absent.

Chair Elinkowski invited USBE Member Ellis to stay for Executive Session.

Executive Session

For one or more of the purposes outlined in UCA 52-4-205

Motion

Member Davis moved, and Member Smith seconded, to move back into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll call:

Member Haws—yes. Member Davis—yes. Vice Chair Tonks—yes. Member Smith—yes. Member Phillips—yes. Chair Elinkowski—yes.

Member Brockbank—yes.

Kairos Academy Discussion and Possible Action

Chair Elinkowski informed those in attendance that Member Brockbank joined the meeting (via conference call) twenty minutes ago, making all SCSB members present.

Motion

Member Smith moved, and Vice Chair Tonks seconded, to terminate the charter of Kairos Academy.

Discussion

The SCSB discussed Kairos' history on Warning and Probation, the help and opportunities extended to the school, their: financial stress, poor academics, administrative challenges, use of adjunct teachers, and the timing of actions toward change.

Executive Director Jennifer Lambert discussed funding timelines for the next school year. Mr. David Thomas divulged the closure process and timeline, as well as Kairos Academy's rights to appeal.

Amendment to the Motion

Member Smith moved, and Vice Chair Tonks seconded, to add a timeframe allowing Kairos Academy "15 days" to ask for an informal hearing.

Thus the motion became to terminate the charter of Kairos Academy, and allow the school 15 days to request an informal hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll call:

Member Haws—yes. Member Davis—yes. Vice Chair Tonks—yes.

Member Smith—yes. Member Phillips—yes. Chair Elinkowski—abstained.

Member Brockbank—yes.

Adjourn

Member Smith moved, and Member Davis seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.