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MINUTES OF THE
UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2020

WebEx/YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK8mfAyp0Kk>

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Members Present:

Chair Kristin Elinkowski (*refrains from voting, unless otherwise noted)
Vice Chair DeLaina Tonks
Member Cynthia Phillips
Member Jim Moss
Member Krystle Bassett
Member Bryan Bowles
Member Michelle Smith

Staff Present:

Jennifer Lambert
Assistant Attorney General David Jones
Michael Clark
Amber Hellstrom
Brett Campbell
Stewart Okobia
Greg Connell
Marie Steffensen
James Madsen
Jenna Magnetti

Others Present:

Mike Haynes (USB), Super. Sydnee Dickson (USB)

Call to Order

Chair Elinkowski called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was held online with no flag present so the Pledge was not made.

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Board Chair Report

Chair Elinkowski discussed logistics of WebEx meeting, upcoming board elections, and graduation visits being unlikely.

Public Comment

Nobody made public comment.

Consent Calendar

A) March 12, 2020 Minutes, B) Monthly Financial Report, C) Utah Mountain School Amendment, D) DaVinci Academy Amendment, E) North Star Academy Credit Enhancement Certification.

Motion

Vice Chair Tonks moved, and Member Bowles seconded, “to approve the Consent Calendar.” The motion carried unanimously.

Update from Superintendent Dickson

Super. Dickson discussed safety and health of students, physical distancing, statutory obligation of health department and governor to decide whether school will resume in-person this year; University of Utah studying modeling of four, eight and 12 week periods of physical distancing; Utah’s response compared to other state, coronavirus website, needing to test more people to gauge when the data will peak, unavailability of thermometers in schools and the need to purchase them.

Super. Dickson also discussed three phases:

1. Immediate present
2. Summer transition and what it means to vulnerable populations
3. Return and recovery in the fall. Using RISE as an informative assessment to make up for education gaps.

Board members discussed support from USBE staff, dissemination of information, creative adaptations of the community to extend learning opportunities, society’s push to open up areas of the economy before opening schools and the consequence of that when people rely on schools for daycare so they can work.

UCAP Dashboard Presentation

Executive Director Jennifer Lambert discussed the purpose of better communicating with charter schools, managing Research and Reviews, receiving complaints, dashboards to display pertinent data like: enrollment, finance, RISE, number of charter schools, new schools, top charter schools via graduation, oversight performance, and resources for support.

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Ms. Amber Hellstrom displayed the UCAP dashboard and showed board members all of its new features that will be made available to the end user.

Revisit Motions from March Meeting

Possible Extensions to Timelines for Utah Military Academy and Canyon Grove Academy

Director Lambert explained that given the situation with social distancing and all that entails for schools and our work, staff requests amending a couple motions from March to allow flexibility. Specifically, the timelines for Utah Military Academy and Canyon Grove Academy. The Utah Military Academy was asked to give an update to the SCSB in June and Canyon Grove Academy's Probation terms needed to be met within two months (by May); so staff requests amendments to March's motions to allow for flexibility in those timelines; which would allow the schools and staff to focus on the more pressing concerns they are currently facing. Amending the motions also does not require the SCSB to potentially have to make a hard oversight decision in an electronic meeting and during an abnormal time.

Motion

Member Cynthia Phillips moved, and Member Bowles seconded, "to allow staff flexibility in both timeline and resources under the new circumstances of the school dismissals to work with the schools mentioned to meet the appropriate goals as outlined in our previous motions." The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion

Member Smith moved "to adjourn." The motion carried unanimously.