

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

June 9, 2016

700 W. Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho
Idaho State Capitol Building, East Wing 41

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 AM. The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Alan Reed
Gayle O'Donahue
Kelly Murphey
Brian Scigliano
Wanda Quinn

Commissioners Gayann Demordaunt and Evan Frasure were absent.

TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/ Approval

M/S (Quinn/O'Donahue): To approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano): To approve the minutes from April 14, 2016, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Calendar

M/S (Quinn/DeMordaunt): To approve the request to change the regularly scheduled August 11, 2016, meeting to August 9, 2016. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB B: CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL LETTERS OF CONCERN

PCSC Director Tamara Baysinger summarized the 2013 legislative change requiring the issuance of letters of fiscal concern to schools that an authorizer has reason to believe cannot remain fiscally stable for the remainder of their performance certificate terms. She stated that the statute is intended to protect taxpayers in the event of a mid-year closure by changing the schedule on which schools receive funds, though not the total amount of funding received. Staff recommended that letters of concern be issued to three schools.

1. Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center

Jennifer Barbeau, PCSC Accountability Program Manager, summarized the concerns about BCCLC's financial status as described in the meeting materials. The school's FY15 audit indicates annual loan obligations of \$230,000.

M/S (Scigliano/Murphey): To issue a fiscal letter of concern regarding Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center and direct the school to provide the PCSC with a 2016-17 enrollment update by September 1, 2016. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Syringa Mountain School

Director Baysinger, summarized the concerns about SMS's financial status as described in the meeting materials. The school has struggled financially since its first year of operations, and although they have made up for shortfalls with fundraising, this cannot be relied upon for financial security going forward.

M/S (O' Donahue/Scigliano): To issue a fiscal letter of concern regarding Syringa Mountain School and direct the school to provide the PCSC with a 2016-17 enrollment update by September 1, 2016. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. The Village Charter School

Director Baysinger summarized the concerns about TVCS's financial status as described in the meeting materials. This school has severe cash flow problems and if this continues they may possibly be in a situation of having to close midyear.

Ben Greenwood, TVCS Board of Trustee's Secretary, summarized the schools plan to address their financial problems. They believe that their increased enrollment will allow them to become fiscally stable.

M/S (Quinn/Murphey): To issue a fiscal letter regarding The Village Charter School and direct the school to provide the PCSC with a 2016-17 enrollment update by September 1, 2016. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB C: CHARTER SCHOOL PRE-OPENING UPDATE

1. Alturas International Academy

Candise Gilbert, an Alturas International Academy board member, presented AIA's pre-opening updates which include increased enrollment, and staffing. The school is struggling with filling their staffing positions due to a shortage of certified teachers in the area.

TAB 3: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER AND PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS

1. Alturas International Academy

Candise Gilbert, presented the proposal for the enrollment cap to be increased by 31 students. This would allow for them to add an additional Kindergarten class

M/S (Scigliano): To deny the proposed amendment for an increased enrollment cap. *The motion failed due to not being seconded.*

M/S (Quinn/O' Donahue): To approve the proposed amendment for an increased enrollment cap. *The motion passes 3-1. Scigliano opposed the motion.*

TAB 4: OTHER

- 1. PCSC Education: Renewal Hearing Process**
- 2. PCSC Officer Elections**

M (Quinn): For Alan Reed to continue as the Idaho Public Charter School Commission Chair. *The motion passes unanimously.*

M (Quinn): For Brian Scigliano to be named Vice Chair for the Idaho Public Charter School Commission. *The motion passes unanimously.*

M/S (Scigliano/Quinn): To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.