



Idaho Public Charter School Commission

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING SPECIAL MEETING

December 18, 2012
650 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho
State Board of Education Office, Assay Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – 650 W. State Street, SBOE Office, Assay
Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.**

1. PCSC Discussion: Odyssey Charter School New Charter Petition Request for Hearing

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

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SUBJECT

PCSC Discussion: Odyssey Charter School New Charter Petition Request for Hearing

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

I.C. §33-5205

BACKGROUND

Odyssey Charter School (Odyssey) is a proposed new public charter school to be located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The petition was referred to the Public Charter School Commission (PCSC) by Idaho Falls School District 91.

Odyssey presented the petition at the April 2012, May 2012, September 2012, and December 4, 2012, PCSC meetings.

On December 4, the petitioners and PCSC mutually agreed to consideration of the petition at the February 14, 2013, meeting. Subsequent to that decision, the PCSC scheduled a special meeting on December 31, 2012, to consider a different petition.

DISCUSSION

Odyssey has requested that the PCSC add their petition to the December 31, 2012, special meeting agenda.

IMPACT

Consideration on December 31 would give Odyssey a final opportunity for petition approval in time to open in fall 2013. If the petition is not considered again until February, there will be no opportunity for the proposed school to open until fall 2014.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PCSC staff notes that giving Odyssey the option of consideration on December 31, 2012, would be consistent with the PCSC's December 4 decision to consider the Bingham Academy petition on that date.

COMMISSION ACTION

A motion to mutually agree with Odyssey Charter School to consider the Odyssey Charter School petition on December 31, 2012.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

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December 12, 2013

Commissioners:

Tamara Baysinger called on December 13, 2012, saying that there might be a possibility of Odyssey being put on the agenda for the December 31st meeting.

When the Commission and Odyssey's Board of Directors mutually agreed to postpone to February, Bingham Academy had not been granted a special meeting on December 31st so this was not an option for us. Also, one of the Commissioners voiced the concern that Bingham Academy was in worse shape than ours yet they were granted a special meeting in order to open in the fall of 2013.

We are working hard to incorporate the concerns voiced in the latest review to show the Commission our dedication to presenting a high quality petition. We will have this ready in time for the Commission staff to peruse it and have their comments prepared for the Commission to study.

We request the Commission to allow Odyssey Charter School to be put on the agenda for the December 31th meeting.

Sincerely,

Karl Peterson

Odyssey Charter School