

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

February 14, 2019
304 North 8th Street, Room 239
Boise, ID 83702

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

Brian Scigliano
Wanda Quinn
Nils Peterson
Kitty Kunz
Sherilynn Bair

Chairman Alan Reed and Commissioner Julie Van Orden attended in person.

TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

M/S (Peterson/Scigliano): To approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Van Orden/Peterson): To approve the minutes from December 13, 2018, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB B: OTHER

1. PCSC Education: Division of Building Safety

Mike Munger, Idaho Division of Building Safety (DBS), presented the responsibilities, goals, and processes of the Division of Building Safety. He reviewed facility and operational issues that are common among charter schools.

Brian Armes, Idaho Office of School Safety and Security, reviewed reporting requirements and common recommendations for public schools, including charters. He noted that grant opportunities are available to assist schools with implementation.

Mr. Munger asked the commission how their department could get involved with charter schools to help them establish and implement safety practices.

Tamara Baysinger, PCSC Director, said the PCSC could consider adding a requirement that schools meet with DBS prior to securing a facility during their pre-opening year.

Chairman Reed said the Commission will need to think about how best to encourage schools to meet with DBS and respond to their recommendations.

2. Legislative Update

Blake Youde, Idaho Charter School Network lobbyist, explained proposed legislation relating to charter schools. He reviewed S1058, which would create a charter school administrator certificate.

Commissioner Peterson said he felt that existing options for administrators to serve while pursuing full credentials are sufficient.

Mr. Youde reviewed S1102, which seeks to increase facility funding for public charter schools from 50% of the statewide average for facility levies and bonds to 80% of this average. The bill would increase per student funding for facilities from \$370 per student enrolled in a public charter school to \$640 per student.

Commissioners expressed concerns regarding where the funds would come from.

Mr. Youde described S1103, which would allow public charter schools that meet specific criteria to obtain more favorable bond financing for facility purchases and renovations.

Mr. Youde, reviewed H91, which would create the opportunity for charters to receive the same exemptions from development impact fees that are available to traditional districts.

Suzi Budge, lobbyist for K12 Inc., explained that S1107 would remove a sunset clause, allowing the funding formula to continue to provide some funding for mobile student populations.

Ms. Budge explained that S1106 would specify that all public schools, regardless of the instructional delivery method, are eligible to participate in, and be funded for, Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Kirsten Pochop, PCSC Senior Accountability Program Manager, reviewed additional bills. S1057 seeks to eliminate duplicate reporting of academic achievement data in district and public charter school continuous improvement

plans. The draft funding formula legislation would base school funding on enrollment, rather than attendance. Legislators and stakeholders continue to discuss concerns regarding the proposed formula and draft.

Commissioner Bair asked how the new formula would deal with dual enrollment students.

Director Baysinger said that in its present form, the draft permits more nuanced division of funding between schools for dual enrollment students.

Commissioner Van Orden recommends that the commission take a position on some legislation.

The PCSC scheduled a special meeting to consider taking positions on pending legislation.

TAB C: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMMENDMENTS

1. Compass Public Charter School

Kelly Trudeau, Compass Public Charter School (CPCS) administrator, presented CPCS's proposal to expand from 1300 to 1600 students. She reviewed Compass's past expansions, provided the school's enrollment data, and facility plans.

The PCSC agreed to consider CPCS's proposal at the newly scheduled special meeting.

M/S (Peterson/Scigliano): To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.