

MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

April 8, 2021
Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W State St, 3rd Floor Clearwaters Room
Boise, ID 83702

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:10 a.m.

Alan Reed – attended in person
Sherrilynn Bair – attended remotely
Brian Scigliano - attended in person
Wanda Quinn – attended remotely
Nils Peterson – attended in person
Kitty Kunz – attended in person
Julie VanOrden – attended remotely

TAB I: COMMISSION WORK

A. Agenda Review/Approval

M/S (Peterson/Van Orden) Motion to approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Kunz/Van Orden) Motion to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB II: WRITTEN COMMENT

No written public comment was received.

TAB III: CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES

A. Elevate Academy - Nampa: Director Thompson presented the proposed performance certificate for Elevate Academy – Nampa.

M/S (Scigliano/Bair) Motion to execute the performance certificate for Elevate Academy – Nampa as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Elevate Academy - North: Director Thompson presented the proposed performance certificate for Elevate Academy – North with the correction to the primary attendance area.

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to execute the performance certificate for Elevate Academy – North with the correction of changing the word “westbound” to “eastbound” in the description of the school’s primary attendance area. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB IV. CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR AMENDMENTS

- A. McCall Community School:** Director Thompson presented the amendment request to delay the opening of the school until 2022.

M/S (Peterson/Kunz) Motion to approve the amendment to the McCall Community School performance certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- B. Connor Academy:** Director Thompson presented the request to increase the school’s enrollment by more than 10% in grades K-8.

Joel Lovstedt, Principal Connor Academy explained the reasons that the school would like to increase their enrollment. He pointed out that the school only wants to increase the maximum enrollment to 850, not 1200 as the documentation reflects.

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to approve the amendment to Connor Academy’s performance certificate with the new enrollment cap at 850 students. *The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Kunz recusing herself from the vote.*

- C. Sage International School of Boise:** Director Thompson presented the school’s proposed amendment to increase their maximum enrollment to 1500 students while creating a “feeder elementary school” for their secondary program.

Keith Donahue, Executive Director explained that with the growth of the local area and the school’s current waiting list they will be able to fill the additional seats requested.

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano) Motion to approve the amendment to Sage International School of Boise’s performance certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- D. iSucceed Virtual School:** Director Thompson presented the request to add 150 students in grades 7 and 8 over the next two years.

Katie Allison, Executive Director talked about the gaps in credits with at-risk students and how expanding the school's grades served could help.

M/S (Kunz/Van Orden) Motion to approve the amendment for iSucceed Virtual High School as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thompson gave an update of the current legislative session and recent bills that could affect the commission or charter schools.

Director Thompson also provided examples of the new branding efforts.

Director Thompson shared information concerning strategic planning, proposed policy changes, and the draft job description for the finance program manager.

M/S (Peterson/Scigliano) Motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The meeting minutes were approved by the IPCSC on June 9, 2021.

Meeting minutes approval verified by: Jenn Thompson

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