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NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

September 28, 2015

Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4412
Las Vegas, Nevada

And

Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Kathleen Conaboy
Robert McCord
Adam Johnson
Melissa Mackedon
Elissa Wahl
Marc Abelman
Nora Luna

In Carson City:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Patrick Gavin, Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Joan Jurgensen, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority
Nya Berry, Education Programs Professional, State Public Charter School Authority
Traci House, Business Process Analyst, State Public Charter School Authority

In Carson City:

Jessica Hoban, Administrative Services Officer, State Public Charter School Authority

- d. Option 4: To be combined with any of the preceding three options: Provide for priority review of top-tier experienced CMO applicants (Track D) and top-tier replication models (Track C), i.e. Charter School Growth Fund portfolio members and Building Excellent Schools fellows supported by Opportunity 180 to apply on a rolling basis with a staff commitment to review and make a recommendation to the Board within 75 days.

Member Luna asked about the training staff would be able to provide to potential applicants. Director Gavin said that staff capacity at the current makes it difficult to provide the robust training he would like to see. Until budget approvals for new positions are approved, training will likely be limited in the short term.

Member McCord moved for approval of Option 3 in the 2016 Winter Charter Application Cycle Implementation Plan. Member Johnson seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Conaboy was absent.

Agenda Item 12 - Beacon Academy update with meeting enrollments targets set at the July 13, 2015 SPCSA Board meeting

Tambre Tondryk spoke on behalf of Beacon Academy. She provided the following information regarding the enrollment target. Ms. Tondryk said it was important to note that the data for the 2015-2016 school year is incomplete and will change to reflect new enrollments, missing transcript and high stakes testing information.

The preliminary data presented:

- 551 Total student enrollment on 9/25/2015
- 43% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 13% Special Education or 73 students
- # students in each cohort
- 2019- 40 students
- 2018 – 104 students
- 2017 – 150 students
- 2016 – 180 students
- 2015 and earlier: 77 adult students

Ms. Tondryk said that 54% of all students in the school are credit deficient, not including 9th graders and 62% of new students are credit deficient, not including 9th graders.

Agenda Item 13 - Nevada Virtual Academy update with meeting enrollments targets set at the July 13, 2015 SPCSA Board meeting

Caroline McIntosh and Ben Gerhardt spoke on behalf of Nevada Virtual Academy. Ms. McIntosh said the school was down around 356 students from the previous school year. Mr. Gerhardt added that each year the school has a large turnover of students who decide to enter back into a regular brick and mortar schools. He said the school did not track why those students left, but was now actively following up with students to see why they withdrew from NVVA. Discussion continued between the Authority and NVVA regarding the enrollment policies and the changes that had been made over the course of the past few years.

Member Wahl asked about the language that was used on NVVA's website and if it may be misleading parents. Ms. McIntosh said she would look into how enrollment policies were described on the site and work with her IT staff to ensure there was no misleading language included. Member Mackedon asked

why messages she had received on social media were saying NVVA would be enrolling K-11 and not K-12. Ms. McIntosh said the school had made a decision to stop enrolling new 12 graders until the school had a more robust credit recovery program. Member Wahl asked if a district brick-and-mortar school could limit its enrollment and not accept 12 graders. Director Gavin said a district school, along with charter schools, could not limit enrollment and not accept 12 graders. Member Wahl added it would be difficult to measure NVVA versus other online schools with regard to graduation rate because it had limited accepting new 12 graders while other online schools had not. Ms. McIntosh said the NVVA board had not meant anything disingenuously and ensured the board that NVVA would look into these policies and rectify the situation.

Member Wahl asked why the NVVA website said enrollment was closed for the 2015-2016 school year and whether that was legal or not. Director Gavin said it was not allowed, a school could say the additional students would be placed on a waiting list, but a school could not say enrollment was closed. Member McCord asked if the school tracks the records it requests as a way to see where students are going once they leave NVVA. Mr. Gerhardt said they do track that information, and Ms. McIntosh added that many times the students did not have a learning coach or the program was too rigorous. Discussion continued between the Authority and representatives of NVVA. Director Gavin asked if NVVA had moved into the additional facility that had been approved at during the last amendment request. Ms. McIntosh said they had not moved in yet but hoped to be doing so soon. Director Gavin also asked if the school would be undergoing a fire drill at the facility they currently operate at. Ms. McIntosh said they would be doing a fire drill at the end of the week. Member Wahl asked if the school would have any financial issues since they had not reached their target enrollment. Ms. McIntosh said the school would be able to make its financial commitments and there would be no issues with the school financially.

Agenda Item 14 - Update regarding new Open Meeting Law provisions passed at the 2015 Legislative session

Deputy Attorney General Ott spoke about the changes that were made to the Open Meeting Law and how it would affect the Authority. He said it would affect the Authority very little, while Mr. Peltier would have a few additional items he would have to monitor.

Agenda Item 17 – Next Board Meeting

The Authority Board will meet October 26, 2015

Agenda Item 18 – Public Comment

There was no public comment in either Las Vegas or Carson City

Member Wahl called for a motion for adjournment.

Member McCord moved for adjournment. Member Luna seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Conaboy was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.