

Integrated Day Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
June 16, 2010

Absent: Michele Devine, Richard Bennett

Public Comment: None

Annual Meeting

Nomination of Board Officers: The Governance Committee puts the slate together but any Board member can nominate another Board member for an office, provided they have been informed.

•A motion was made by Jason Jones and seconded by Michael Seroussi to elect Laura McMahon as Chair. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

•A motion was made by George Rezendes and seconded by Jason Jones to elect Michael Seroussi as Vice Chair. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

•A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Jason Jones to elect Jen Spangle as Secretary. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

The position of treasurer remains open; Laura McMahon will speak to a potential candidate.

Reorganization of committees will take place next month.

Regular Meeting

•A motion was made by Jason Jones and seconded by Michael Seroussi to accept the May 19, 2010 Governing Board minutes. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

Director's Report

George Rezendes was thanked for his leadership over the past two years.

The IDCS has received authorization for 330 seats for the 2010-11 school year.

A parent initiated our first Grandparent's Day. Participation was excellent and students enjoyed giving tours of the school. Some of the attendees are interested in volunteering.

A Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was organized by an 8th grade student, Evan Seder, and held on June 11, 2010.

A meeting was held with the 7th graders to discuss challenges they may encounter, expectations we have and concerns they had.

The Rock & Ropers performed at a Mohegan Sun basketball game on June 11 with many IDCS families in attendance.

See other events in the Director's Report.

Standing Committee Reports

Governance—Jason Jones reported that the Committee reviewed the director's performance evaluation process and worked on the nominations for officers. They also discussed attendance of Board members and subcommittee members and the number of meetings that could be missed. This will be a priority for the next meeting.

Planning—the Committee did not meet but George Rezendes talked to the consultants regarding the August Board retreat. Frank Maletz agreed to serve as a liaison between the Board and the consultants. August 14 was chosen as the first choice for a retreat, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. August 21st was selected as a 2nd choice. George Rezendes will set this up and notify Frank Maletz.

Interviews with Board members will be held beforehand to formulate a proposal for the retreat.

Curriculum—did not meet.

Finance—see Finance Committee meeting notes.

Building—see Memorandum from BL Companies. The Estimate for renovation, not demolishing, was \$500,000-700,000 last year. No funding is available from the state for construction. A grant written three years ago was approved but has not gone through bonding yet. Three elevations of the exterior were presented, with a \$30,000 difference between the simplest and the most complicated elevation.

Business Report – see handout

Discussion/Action Items

Food Service Policy--When students run out of funds, a cheese sandwich, fruit and milk are provided, which constitutes a reimbursable meal, and the student is charged.

See Health & Safety Committee notes. The Wellness Policy was reviewed, which must be done annually. It needs minor revision in semantics. Three position statements were provided by the SDE.

Carl Davis recommended a cost of living pay rate increase of 3% for employees of the Early Education Childcare Program, provided the program is fiscally sound.

•A motion was made by Brianne Temple and seconded by Frank Maletz to adopt the Food Service Policy as presented with the price of reimbursable meals set by the Board and other prices set by the administrative staff. The vote was 8 in favor; 0 opposed.

2010-2011 Budget – Mary Osten pointed out that teachers agreed to a step freeze so that non-contract staff compensation could be increased, as recommended by the Non-Contract Compensation Task Force and approved by the Board. Brianne Temple and Jen Spangle also raised questions about this.

•A motion was made by Mary Osten and seconded by Frank Maletz to approve the budget as presented. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

•A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Frank Maletz to provide a 3% increase in pay for early childhood program staff, which comes out of the program's income. The vote was 8 in favor, with June Morrone abstaining.

The director's evaluation process was discussed, with a time line that reflects a director who is already on staff vs. a new director coming to the school. George Rezendes will make the agreed upon changes and email them to Board members in preparation for a vote at the July meeting.

•A motion was made by Mary Osten and seconded by Jason Jones to approve the Board Meeting Schedule as presented. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

George Rezendes submitted an official letter of resignation, effective June 17, 2010.

•A motion was made by June Morrone and seconded by Jen Spangle at 7:39 p.m. to go into Executive Session. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Executive Session

•A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Frank Maletz to return to regular session. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Regular Session

•A motion was made by Jason Jones and seconded by Frank Maletz to approve the Director's contract for the period 2010-2012 with a possible reopener for salary for the 2011-2012 school year. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

•A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Jason Jones to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. The vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Integrated Day Charter School
Director's Agenda Items
June 16, 2010**

I Charter Reauthorization for 330 seats at IDCS

The Connecticut State Board of education voted unanimously to authorize 330 for our school. They also approved additional seats at specific charter schools. The handout contains an overview of existing charter schools and their enrollment.

II Grandparent's Day

There were 76 grandparents or special persons who attended our event. This was an excellent opportunity to reach out to our senior community and many were asking about volunteer opportunities. Our upper grade Student Council members conducted tours and our visitors were very impressed with their tour and visit.

III Volunteer Breakfast

Preparing a breakfast for our wonderful volunteers has been a tradition at IDCS. Usually organized by our teachers, this year we had a student, Evan Seder, who insisted on full responsibility for the event. He mentioned that he wanted to give back to the school. It was quite successful and well attended.

Past and Up Coming Events:

Last Friday, students had an opportunity to travel in time to the **Roman Empire** in Ms. Dearborn's class.

Today – An orientation meeting for all 7th graders.

Thursday, June 17th, Ms. Allard's class invites you to the cafeteria between 8:30 – 10:30 to an **Ellis Island Simulation**.

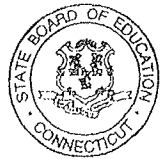
Friday, June 18th Ms. Conn invites you to an all –school assembly in the gym where the **Ambassadors for Heart** will be performing at 1:45.

Monday, June 21st at 9:00 will be the **8th Grade Graduation**.

Tuesday, June 22nd - An All School Production Company share at 8:30.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



June 4, 2010

Ms. Anna James
Director
Integrated Day Charter School
68 Thermos Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Dear Ms. James:

This is to notify you that on June 2, 2010, the Connecticut State Board of Education voted unanimously to authorize 330 seats at Integrated Day Charter School for the 2010-11 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Robert Kelly, Charter School Program Manager, at 860-713-6574.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark K. McQuillan".

Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education

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cc: George A. Coleman, Deputy Commissioner
Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner
Mark Linabury, Bureau Chief
Daniel Murphy, Director
Robert Kelly, Charter School Program Manager

Enclosure

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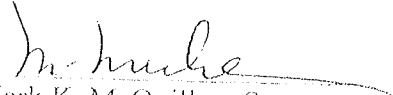
TO BE PROPOSED:

June 2, 2010

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the distribution of 540 additional seats among the existing charter schools for the 2010-11 school year, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this second day of June, Two Thousand Ten.

Signed:


Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary
State Board of Education

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Mark K. McQuillan, Commissioner of Education
DATE: June 2, 2010
SUBJECT: Authorization of State Charter School Enrollments for the 2010-11 School Year

Executive Summary

Introduction

In accordance with the provisions of the Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) seeks the State Board of Education's (SBE) approval of the charter school enrollments for the 2010-11 school year.

History/Background

Section 10-66bb(c) of the C.G.S. provides, in part, "(1) Except as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no state charter school shall enroll (A) (i) more than two hundred fifty students, or (ii) in the case of a kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than three hundred students... (2) In the case of a state charter school found by the State Board of Education to have a demonstrated record of achievement, such school may, upon application to and approval by said board, enroll up to eighty-five students per grade, if within available appropriations."

The CSDE seeks the SBE's approval of charter school enrollments on an annual basis. Each charter school submitted a 2010-11 projected enrollment request to CSDE in April 2010. The total projected enrollment request was 5,759 seats. The Charter School for Young Children on Asylum Hill's (CSYCAH) projected enrollment request was 245 seats. The CSYCAH is a Sheff charter school and its enrollment directly impacts the CSDE's efforts in meeting the obligation to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation of Hartford public school students pursuant to the Sheff Phase II Stipulation and Order.

The state budget authorization of \$53,047,200 combined with the state Sheff appropriation of \$511,500 equals \$53,558,700 and will fund 5,759 seats in existing charter schools for the 2010-11 school year. This will satisfy all seats requested by the charter schools which appear on page 4 of this report in the chart, "2010-11 Charter School Enrollment Summary." This represents an additional 540 seats for the 2009-10 school year and is within the state budget authorization.

The total increase of 540 seats includes the projected growth of 59 seats in four charter schools operating within the enrollment cap (CSYCAH, Explorations, Park City Prep and Trailblazers Academy) and 481 seats requested pursuant to CSDE's authority to waive enrollment caps pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c)(2) of the C.G.S.

Enrollment Increase Waiver Requests

As noted above, charter schools must apply to the CSDE for permission to expand enrollment beyond the statutory limit of 300 seats for schools authorized to serve Grades K-8 and 250 for all other grade levels. Applications were received from Achievement First Bridgeport, Achievement First Hartford, Amistad Academy, The Bridge Academy and Elm City College Preparatory School. The applications were reviewed by a charter school advisory committee consisting of staff from the Bureaus of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation and Choice Programs. Of the authorized 540 seats, 481 seats were requested by the five schools noted above.

Achievement First Bridgeport

Achievement First Bridgeport has requested an increase of 175 seats to expand enrollment in current grades and add new Grades K and 8. The school presented a strong record of student achievement and steady academic improvement.

Based on the charter school advisory committee's review of Achievement First Bridgeport's Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) performance, I recommend granting an enrollment waiver to add 175 seats to the 2010-11 enrollment, for a total of 410 seats.

Achievement First Hartford

Achievement First Hartford has requested an increase of 178 seats to expand enrollment in current grades and add new Grades 3 and 7. The school presented a strong record of student achievement and steady academic improvement.

Based on the charter school advisory committee's review of Achievement First Hartford's CMT performance, I recommend granting an enrollment waiver to add 178 seats to the 2010-11 enrollment, for a total of 593 seats.

Amistad Academy

Amistad Academy has requested an increase of 101 seats to expand enrollment in current grades and add a new Grade 4. The school presented a strong record of student achievement and steady academic improvement.

Based on the charter school advisory committee's review of Amistad Academy's CMT and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) performance, I recommend granting an enrollment waiver to add 101 seats to the 2010-11 enrollment, for a total of 857 seats.

The Bridge Academy

The Bridge Academy has requested an increase of 10 seats to expand enrollment in current grades. The school presented a strong record of student achievement and steady academic improvement.

Based on the charter school advisory committee's review of The Bridge Academy's CMT and CAPT performance, I recommend granting an enrollment waiver to add 10 seats to the 2010-11 enrollment, for a total of 270 seats.

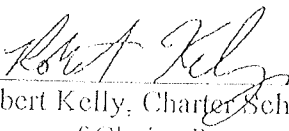
Elm City College Preparatory School

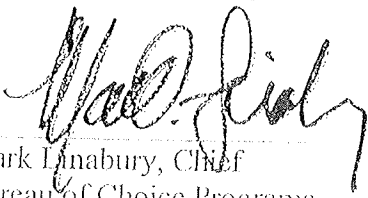
Elm City College Preparatory School has requested an increase of 17 seats in Grade 11 which is a new grade level. The school presented a strong record of student achievement and steady academic improvement.

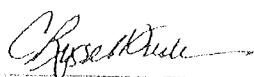
Based on the charter school advisory committee's review of Elm City College Preparatory School's CMT and CAPT performance, I recommend granting an enrollment waiver to add 17 seats to the 2010-11 enrollment, for a total of 568 seats.

Recommendation and Justification

I recommend that the SBE authorize 5,759 seats in existing charter schools for the 2010-11 school year. The authorization of an additional 540 seats for the 2010-11 school year is within the state budget authorization for the 2010-11 fiscal year of \$53,558,700. The 2010-11 Charter School Enrollment Summary is attached.

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