

ECHS Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes

Dec. 1, 2005

Present: Gary Carlston, Deborah Hobbs, Gayle Bowen, Nancy Kennedy, Allyson Saunders, Frank Stewart, Juan Franco, Steve Zsiray, Megan Izatt

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 12:00 pm, Spectrum Consulting's Boardroom

I. Announcements

Board size reduced from 12 members to 10 members

II. Summary

Board Size – reduced from 12 to 10 members, may be reduced more at a later date

Bylaws – Steve will make changes, will be presented and voted on at a later date

Letterhead – Will work for now, will be redone later

Charter School Conference – Good, but not what was expected

Directors Meeting – Steve couldn't attend due to another charter school meeting reschedule

Recruiting – Parent meeting was held at the Logan Library, good turn out

AMES Field Trip – Good look at governor's school

Grants – Many grants have been applied for, and we have received several

NCSSS MST – Charter school association, Steve applied and was accepted for membership for the school

Teaching positions – To be posted on Jan. 6, 2006

Retirement options – Steve has a meeting with USU HR Friday, December 02, 2005

III. Discussion

The Board size was evaluated. As of right now, two members have resigned and will not be replaced, leaving the Board at 10 members instead of 12. Board efficiency may be evaluated and a later date and the Board may be reduced in size again.

The Bylaws for the Board of Governors was discussed. It was decided that there will be no student representation on the Board of Governors. However, a council will be set up for students to be on, and they may pass information onto the Board. As of right now Board representation is not to exceed 10 members, and they are to serve with out compensation. A staggered rotation needs to be established for electing new Board members, and a selection process also needs to be added. The number discussing the agenda will be reworked to just sending the agenda out ahead of time. All changes will be made, and be voted on at a later Board meeting.

The USU College of Education will no longer allow the school to use their letterhead. Steve created a simple letterhead that will work until we have a

permanent name. After we decided on an official name, new letterhead will be created.

Steve and Gary attended the National Charter School Convention in San Diego. While it was effective for meeting people, it was not effective for new ideas. The conference seemed more like a commercial meeting for people to sell their services or products.

Steve was not able to attend the Charter School Directors meeting due to the fact that the Partnership meeting was held the same day. Hopefully in the future changes will be made to when the Partnership meetings are held to accommodate those who need to attend the Directors meetings.

In October a group went on a fieldtrip to Al Church's AMES in Cottonwood High. While it was effective in showing how the school needs to be run, many were not impressed with class size, and the number of computers that were not being used. The smallest class we saw was 25 students, and the largest was around 40-50 students. Many computer were being utilized, however many were just sitting on shelves. Also, the SKUNK Works project room was bare. There maybe three projects in the whole room. There was also no school library media center. While it was enlightening, it also presented areas where we could do better.

Steve and Frank gave an update on the grants we have applied for and received. NUCOR Steel is expected to give \$4,000 dollars for Spanish library materials. Also, the Daniels Foundation has awarded the school with \$70,000 dollars toward library materials. We have also received \$7,500 from an LSTA grant. Many other grants have been applied for, and we have yet to hear back from them.

NCSSS MST is a high-powered school association. Steve applied and received membership for ECHS in the association. They asked us to nominate a Board of Governors member for the Board of Trustees, but Steve asked to wait one year until the school was running before nominating anyone.

Teaching positions will be posted on Jan. 6, 2006. Interviews will be held Feb. 6-8, 2006. We will accept applications, for one month. The student lottery is scheduled for Jan. 31.

Steve will be meeting with Campus HR to discuss the details of the positions, salaries, and retirement plans available to faculty and staff. We will then learn about what benefits will be available to school employees.

The next meeting has been changed from Thursday, January 5th, to Wednesday, January 4th due to a conflict with the College of Education's Retreat. The meeting will be held at the same time, 12:00 noon, in Spectrum Consulting's Boardroom.