

POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE
SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION

Board Room at the Education Service Center
3115 Pole Line Road
Pocatello, ID 83201
4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 27, 2011

AGENDA

The Board of Trustees for the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 will hold a Special Meeting in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 3115 Pole Line Road, Pocatello, ID 83201 for the Purpose of a Public Hearing to solicit input on the following:

- 1. Welcome, Call to Order and Statement of Purpose**
- 2. Convene Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Summit Charter School Petition**
- 3. Adjourn Public Hearing and Reconvene Special Meeting to Take Action on Summit Charter School Petition**
- 4. Adjourn**

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Mary Vagner

FROM: Patti S. Mortensen, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: June 11, 2011

RE: Summit Charter School Petition

At your direction, a committee of district representatives was established to review the petition submitted by the Summit Charter School Board of Directors. Each committee member was asked to read through the petition. In addition, committee members were directed to complete an in-depth review on assigned sections and report their findings relative to strengths and weaknesses observed in the assigned section(s) of the petition.

Committee member assignments were as follows:

Dr. Patti Mortensen	Tab 1 and 2
Jan Harwood, Steven Morton, Stephanie Dahlke	Tab 3
Chuck Wegner and Kathy Luras	Tab 4
Dr. Martha Martin	Tab 5
Dr. Doug Howell	Tab 6
Dr. Martha Martin and Dr. Patti Mortensen	Tab 7
Bart Reed	Tab 8
Dr. Patti Mortensen and Steve Morton	Tab 9 and 10

The committee met on June 10, 2011 to report on their respective sections and share information pertinent to their review of the document. A Resolution was prepared reflecting the thoughts and recommendations of the committee for Board consideration.

Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25

**RESOLUTION TO REFER THE SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION TO
THE STATE CHARTER COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, representatives of the Summit Charter School submitted a petition to the Board of Trustees of the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District on May 17, 2011 communicating their intention to open a new charter school within the boundaries of District #25 in September 2013;

WHEREAS, the Educational Program outlined in the petition does not acknowledge or incorporate the Common Core State Standards which must be implemented in all Idaho classrooms by 2013-2014 requiring Idaho schools to increase rigor and prepare students with 21st Century Skills;

WHEREAS, the petition does not define a process for curriculum development to align curriculum to the Common Core State Standards nor do the instructional programs and strategies described in the petition align well with scientifically research-based programs and best practices to support the increased rigor required in the Common Core State Standards for mathematics, language arts, science and social studies;

WHEREAS, the petition states that “students who have been enrolled at the school for three (3) consecutive years will meet the following educational benchmarks” when all Idaho schools are accountable to ensure all students meet adopted state standards whether they have been enrolled for three years or not;

WHEREAS, the petition does not acknowledge the requirement for all Idaho schools to engage in continuous school improvement planning using the required Idaho State Department of Education process and tool for documenting and monitoring the school improvement plan;

WHEREAS, the petition does not address the requirements for conducting and documenting pre-referral and pre-intervention efforts prior to referral for special education evaluation nor does the petition adequately address a continuum of services required for special needs students and does not state how students identified as gifted and talented will be served;

WHEREAS, there are currently two charter schools and three private schools operating within the boundaries of the School District offering educational options to parents and students and the community may best be served by a fresh and innovative educational option rather than a replication of the Academy at Roosevelt Center, a Harbor Method school;

WHEREAS, the District is the authorizer of the Pocatello Community Charter School and fully understands the responsibilities and oversight obligations required of authorizers under Idaho Code;

WHEREAS, due to the actions of the Idaho Legislature over the past three years, District #25 resources have been dramatically reduced requiring increased workloads for all employees thereby limiting the District's ability to meet the oversight obligations required of a charter authorizer;

WHEREAS, the Summit Charter School petition was reviewed by the Board of Trustees and a committee of District representatives in a reasonable effort demonstrating due diligence as required by Idaho Code 33-5205 (c);

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, pursuant to 33-5205, Idaho Code and State Board of Education Rules Governing Charter Schools, the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Board of Trustees exercises its legal authority to refer the Summit Charter School petition to the State Charter Commission.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Board Chair

Board Clerk