

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
September 8, 2014
1616 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Suite 170**

SUMMARY for Items A to G(3)

<p>Members Present- Janna Day- President Kathy Senseman - Vice President Stacey Morley - Superintendent's Designee (Telephonically) (left for the day during item I) Michael Bailey - Public Member (Telephonically) Peter Bezanson - Charter School Operator (Telephonically) Tim Eyerman - Charter School Teacher Royce Jenkins - Reservation Resident Member (Telephonically) Todd Juhl - Public Member (Telephonically) Jake Logan - Business Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 12:04 p.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent- Mark Anderson - Business Member Cassandra Larsen - Public Member</p>
<p>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance</p>	
<p>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</p>	
<p>Agenda Item C. Roll Call</p>	<p>DeAnna Rowe called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item D. Call to the Public</p>	<p>No call to the public</p>
<p>Agenda Item E. Arizona Charter Schools Association Update</p>	<p>No report was provided.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Superintendent's Report</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Executive Director's Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: Founding Fathers Academies, Inc., Legacy Education Group, Legacy Schools, and Mountain Oak School, Inc. 2. 2015 Board Meeting Calendar 3. Update on submission of Conditional Renewal Accountability Plans for renewal applications granted in July. 	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Jake Logan made the following motion: I move to approve the Calendar as presented. Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Recorded comments are available.</p>

MINUTES for Items G(4) to M

4. Release of the 2014 Academic Dashboards

Minutes approved at 10/14/2014 Board meeting

Director of Charter Accountability Katie Poulos reported: FY14 Academic Dashboards were to be released on September 8, 2014 after the Board meeting. The data for FY14 indicates that 59% of the schools that received overall ratings received a "Meets" or "Exceeds." The data for FY12, FY13, and FY14 indicates that 38% of schools have received overall ratings of "Meets" or "Exceeds" in each of the last 3 years and an additional 9.6% received overall ratings received of "Meets" or "Exceeds" in both FY13 and FY14.

Agenda Item H. Consent Agenda

1. Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy- Procurement Laws and USFRCS Exceptions
2. Liberty High School- Decrease in Instructional Days

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move to approve items H (1-2). Tim Eyerman seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item I. Surrender Agreement- New West School

MOTION

Jake Logan made the following motion: I move that the Board adopt the Consent Agreement for the Voluntary Surrender and Termination of the Charter Contract for New West School. Tim Eyerman seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

(Not Voting: Bailey)

Agenda Item J. Replication Application- Espiritu Community Development Corp.

Adrian Ruiz and three other school representatives were in attendance on behalf of the school. Mr. Ruiz informed the Board that this would be Espiritu Community Development Corp.'s third charter held with ASBCS and answered questions regarding the charter's cash flow. Mr. Ruiz stated that the school will serve grades 7-12 and will be located on 32nd street and McDowell in the Central Phoenix Area.

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the replication application and grant the replication charter to Marytown Academies to establish AIM Higher College Prep Academy charter school to serve grades 7-12. Jake Logan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

(Not Voting: Bailey)

Agenda Item K. Charter Amendment and Notification-

1. Imagine Desert West Middle, Inc. – Enrollment Cap Increase

Brad Uchacz, Jason Archuleta and Sherry Ruttinger were in attendance on behalf of the school. The Board asked if the current facility would meet the enrollment cap increase. Mr. Uchacz indicated that the current facility had sufficient capacity and that the school owned additional land across the street. Mr. Uchacz informed the Board that based on their 2011-12 math scores, the school reviewed their academic plan and implemented the following strategies: curriculum maps, embedded professional development, and more in-class support from the curriculum coach and Dean. Mr. Uchacz spoke favorably of DSP process, including the site visit.

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Charter expansion is based on consideration of academic and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, the Charter Holder did not meet the academic performance expectations set forth in the Board's performance framework but was able to demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's expectations. With that taken into consideration, as well as having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the expansion portfolio which includes the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress, I move that the Board approve the request to increase the enrollment cap of the charter of Imagine Desert West Middle, Inc. from 280 to 320. Jake Logan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved at 10/14/2014 Board meeting

2. International Charter School of Arizona, Inc. – Adding a School Site
3. Hillcrest Academy, Inc. – Adding a School Site

Austin Thies with Buchalter Nemer addressed the Board as legal counsel for International Charter School of Arizona, Inc. (ICSA) and Hillcrest Academy, Inc. Ryan Christensen, Joel Brice, Nicole Kirkley, Kris Johnson, and Dale Nichol were also in attendance and addressed the Board. Mr. Thies informed the Board that this is not a typical expansion request. The two entities began the process in February with the intention to merge both entities, with two schools cross expanding at each other's sites. The new ICSA School would serve grades 7-12 in the South East Valley at the current Hillcrest site, and the new Hillcrest school would serve grades K-6 in the North East Valley at the current ICSA site. Joel Brice answered questions regarding the school's financial performance and indicated the ICSA financial model hinges around facilities. When asked about the school's academics and how the school's letter grade changed from an A to C, the school stated that ICSA had moved twice in two years due to leasing issues, and had retained few students with each move. The Board questioned the timing of the expansion request submissions, and the Charter Holders stated that the timing of the requests had followed from other parts of the merger process, including alignment of the two corporate boards and of the programs of instruction, and had been carefully considered. They said that the intent of the requests under consideration and other requests concurrently submitted was for the Hillcrest charter to decrease from K-8 to K-6 and serve those grades at each site, for the ICSA charter to decrease from 5-12 to 7-12 and serve those grades at both sites, and for the two charters eventually to merge into one charter with two sites. The Board asked how the schools were serving students for the current school year. The representatives of the charters stated that the contracted school year was scheduled to start on September 10, and that students were currently being offered a summer enrichment program to prepare them for the upcoming year. The Board asked how many students would be impacted if the new school site notification requests were not approved, and the Charter Holder said 74. Board members indicated that the findings of the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress process, which found that many areas were rated as Falls Far Below, gave them concern. Ms. Johnson stated that with ICSA, the small size of the school meant that many systems were implemented informally, and they had not been able to provide evidence of implementation as required. Mr. Thies emphasized that the Charter Holders were not requesting an increase in enrollment cap, but Ms. Rowe pointed out that they were asking for an expansion because each site would be serving students in grades not currently authorized at those sites. When asked by the Board, Mr. Nichol stated that the intent of the Charter Holders was to request an increase in enrollment cap for the following fiscal year.

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the expansion portfolio which includes the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress, I move to deny the New School Site Notification Request to the charter of International Charter School of Arizona on the bases that the Charter Holder failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework as reflected in the staff report. Jake Logan seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote (6-2)

(No: Bailey, Logan)

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the expansion portfolio which includes the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress, I move to deny the New Site Notification Request to the charter of Hillcrest Academy, Inc. on the bases that the Charter Holder failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework as reflected in the staff report. Jake Logan seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote (5-2)

(No: Bailey, Logan)

(Not Voting: Jenkins)

Agenda Item L. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas

Minutes approved at 10/14/2014 Board meeting

Executive Director DeAnna Rowe informed the Board of the following upcoming events:

- The September retreat will be rescheduled for a later date.
- The Operational Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 24th
- The October meeting is on the 14th which is on a Tuesday
- The November meeting is on the 21st which is a Friday
- The December 8th meeting will be a full day and will start at 9:00 a.m. Both new charter applications and failing schools will be considered.
- The Conflict of Interest Forms need to be completed for each Board member and returned.

Agenda Item M. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

APPROVED