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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Marlies Burns, Executive Director

DATE: May 12-13, 2016

ACTION: Charter Amendment Request for Monticello Academy

Background:

Monticello Academy's governing board was approved to open a high school in SY2010. In 2014, because this never occurred, the school's charter agreement reverted back to serving students in grades K-9 only. Monticello Academy requests to serve up to 25 students in grade 10 only for the 2016-2017 school year. Because these students were not anticipated in the school's FY2017 projections, there are potential changes to budget projections. The State Charter School Board approved this requests at its April 2016 meeting.

Key Points:

The executive summary report is included and additional information about the amendment request can be found at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/April-2016.aspx>

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the following imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

Imperatives:

- Educational Equity
- Quality Learning
- System Values

Strategies:

- Accountability: Provide a transparent public educational system using evidence-based data that informs the public on the effectiveness of public education.
- Educational Options: Empower stakeholders with information to decide how, what, and where students are taught.

Anticipated Action:

The Finance Committee will consider approving Monticello Academy's governing board's request to serve up to 25 students in grade 10 during the 2016-17 school year only. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the request.

Contact: Marlies Burns, 801-538-7817

AMENDMENT

Utah State Board of Education Charter School Board Executive Summary Report

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) is charged with authorizing, monitoring, evaluating, and dismissing charters of public schools in Utah. Its work is under the direct supervision of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) per Utah Code 53A-1a-501.5.

This summary report shall be completed by the SCSB and submitted to Sydnee Dickson, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education, two weeks ahead of the regularly scheduled USBE meetings for approval and inclusion in the board's agenda materials. Only that which is in writing, and included in the agenda materials, as ratified for recommendation by the SCSB, shall be considered by the USBE in its final approval process. Attachments, by way of clarification, or elaboration, may be included.

1. Charter School Monticello Academy
2. Website www.monticelloacademy.net
Board Chair: Michael Smith Email board@monticelloacademy.net
School Administrator: Gregory Cox Email gregory.cox@monticelloacademy.net
3. The Charter school is located in which school district? Granite
4. Requested amendment to charter (summary – full report can be found on State Charter School Board website at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/April-2016.aspx>)

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5. Charter school mission and purpose(s):

Our mission is to provide a superior education for K-9 students by placing a high priority on academic achievement and college preparation; fostering traditional American values of hard work and strong moral character; encouraging parents to resume their rights and responsibilities to influence the education of their children; restoring strong art, music, foreign language, and physical education components to the school curriculum; utilizing start-of-the-art technology to enhance instruction, learning and communication; assisting students to gain knowledge, motivation, confidence, skills, and a lifelong love of learning.

6. Charter school student demographics (data):
- 745 students in grades K – 9
 - 52% ethnic/racial minority
 - 41% students are economically disadvantaged
 - 11% students are learning English
 - 5.8% students with disabilities

Granite School District student demographics (data):

- 67,822 students in grades K – 12
- 47% ethnic/racial minority
- 56% students are economically disadvantaged
- 20% students learning English
- 10.8% students with disabilities

7. What is the position of the local district regarding the amendment request? Who was the contact at the local district? (Attachment of letters, if necessary)

The school did not submit this information to the local district.

8. Please provide a summary of the Utah State Charter School Board discussion pertaining to this amendment request, including points it would like the Utah State Board of Education to consider when making the decision to approve the amendment.

The State Charter School Board approved this decision on the April 2016 consent calendar.

9. Votes of the SCSB in approving the charter school application:

(Listing of charter board members' vote)

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| DeLaina Tonks, Tim Beagley | |
| Kristin Elinkowski, Bruce Davis | |
| Howard Headlee, Dean Brockbank, | |
| <u>Robb Enger</u> | Recommended full approval |

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| _____ | Not present for vote |
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