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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Marlies Burns; Executive Director

DATE: June 9-10, 2016

ACTION: Bonneville Academy's New Charter School Application for the 2017-2018 School Year

Background:

The State Charter School Board (SCSB) is charged in UCA 53A-1a-501.6 with authorizing and promoting the establishment of charter schools. The SCSB considered Bonneville Academy governing board's new charter school application in its January 2016 meeting and recommended approval to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). The USBE voted to deny Bonneville Academy's charter request in its February 2016 meeting, indicating concerns "regarding the skill, expertise, and experience needed to run the school."

Bonneville Academy amended its application, making appropriate changes to demonstrate a greater understanding of the requirements of operating a school using public funds. In May 2016, Bonneville Academy brought its amended application before the SCSB for reconsideration. Given the amendment of the original application, the SCSB again considered Bonneville Academy governing board's new charter application and recommends approval to the USBE. The full charter application can be found at:

<http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/May-2016.aspx>

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan by providing a transparent public educational system using evidence-based data that informs the public on the effectiveness of public education and by empowering stakeholders with information to decide how, what, and where students are taught.

Anticipated Action:

The Law and Licensing Committee will consider approving Bonneville Academy to open in the 2017-2018 school year as outlined in the application. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the application.

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**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 Bonneville Academy
2. Authorized Agent Brenda Spearman Phone 435-840-1966
3. Mailing Address (authorized agent) 6563 Sky Heights Dr. City Stansbury Park
4. The charter school is approved to open one campus in the following school district: Tooele
5. When is the charter school expected to begin operations? August 2017

6. List or attach all duly elected, current board directors of the school:

Brenda Spearman
Bryan Cowley
Amanda Penton
Cory Johnson
Clint Thomsen
Alena DeSomer
Sheena Bennett

7. Summary description of charter school (mission statement):

Bonneville Academy will foster critical thinking and problem solving skills in a challenging, student centered environment; by encouraging exploration in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Preparing students for success in our ever changing, dynamic world.

8. Is this charter school an extension or expansion of a currently existing charter school? (If so, attach student achievement data from existing charter school).

Bonneville Academy is a new school application.

9. How many students will the school serve and at what grades? Does the grade configuration align with the local school district configuration?

2017-2018	702 students	Grades K-8
Ultimate enrollment	702 students	Grades K-8

The grade configuration does not align with the local school district.

10. Is the schools' curriculum fully aligned with the Utah State Core Curriculum? If not, in what areas does the school deviate from the Core?

Bonneville Academy's curriculum is fully aligned with the Utah State Board of Education's approved curriculum.

11. How will the school address the needs of students with disabilities who will need Special Education services?

All special education services at Bonneville Academy will be in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as it was reauthorized in 2004 and State of Utah Special Education Rules. The school will employ a Special Education Director that will assure the school complies with all laws and provides all students a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Bonneville Academy will provide a continuum of services in order to accommodate students' needs with the Least Restrictive Environments (LRE) and the Least Restrictive Behavior Interventions (LRBI).

Bonneville Academy will attend training and receive assistance from USOE Special Education Section to ensure all plans and implementation are in compliance.

12. Does the school have a building site or actual building ready to serve students? What are the financial stipulations in the use of that building?

Bonneville Academy will meet the requirements in UCA 53A-1a-507 and R277-482 by submitting any facility financing agreements to the State Charter School Board for advice prior to signing and having its building under construction by January 1, 2017, respectively.

13. Has a financial analysis been conducted and is there a strong likelihood the charter school will financially succeed?

The State Charter School Board has reviewed Bonneville Academy's budget to ensure that its finances are viable and there is a strong likelihood of financial success.

14. Who will perform the financial accounting for the school (by name) and what are his/her credentials for accounting?

The business manager or management company has not been named at this time but will be named prior to the school opening. The school included a detailed list of roles and responsibilities for the business manager/management company.

15. Please provide a brief summary of other points the State Charter School Board would like the Utah State Board of Education to consider in making the decision to approve the charter school:

The SCSB considered Bonneville Academy governing board's new charter school application in its January 2016 meeting and prioritized it fourth. In the February 2016 meeting, the USBE voted to deny Bonneville Academy's charter request. The Board letter indicated concerns "regarding the skill, expertise, and experience needed to run the school."

Bonneville Academy presented an amended application to the SCSB in May 2016. The application demonstrates a greater understanding of the requirements of operating a school using public funds, such as more attention to the child find process and special education needs, clear identification of board member roles, and the plan to hire a curriculum coordinator to ensure clarity of instructional programs and provide expertise on managing such programs. The SCSB again recommends approval to the USBE.

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

Recommended full approval: Tim Beagley, Dean Brockbank, Robb Enger, Kristin Elinkowski, Howard Headlee, DeLaina Tonks, Bruce Davis