



Wallace Stegner Academy Location Amendment Action Summary June 8th, 2023

Action: The board will consider the Wallace Stegner Academy amendment to adjust which grades are taught at which campuses.

Context: The LEA has to make an adjustment to the expansion request presented back in February 2023. In Wallace Stegner Academy's satellite application was approved to open a third campus within the Salt Lake/Granite School district area. This campus would serve grades K-12, and eventually have 1,290 students. In April the LEA's leadership reached out because they are having a difficult time finding a parcel large enough to accommodate a K-12 building. They came up with a potential solution because one of the K-8 campuses has sufficient space to house a K-12 school, and so they proposed to change the new satellite to a K-8, and add the 9-12th grades into an existing building.

Statute or Rule:

[53G-5-304](#): which requires the Board to make rules regarding a charter school expansion or satellite campus.

[53G-5-304-306](#) which requires the board to make a rule providing a timeline for the opening of a charter school.

[R277-552-5](#) which explains that the authorizer should have a process for consideration of proposed amendments to a school's charter agreement.

[R277-552-6](#) which explains the requirements a charter school must meet to receive an expansion request.

[53G-5-303](#) which describes the requirement for changing the charter agreement.

Background of the Issue:

Wallace Stegner Academy's satellite request was unanimously approved in February 2023 because the school is a high performing school. At the time, the amendment proposed to open a third campus that would accommodate both a K-8 program, and a 9-12 program. Due to difficulties in finding a large enough parcel the new building would be too small to accommodate all the grades. This amendment would allow the LEA to purchase land that will meet the needs for an K-8 campus. It would also allow the LEA to expand an existing campus that is more centrally located to include a 9-12 program.



Possible Motion:

- 1. I move to approve Wallace Stegner Academy's request to amend its charter agreement to change its new satellite into a K-8, and adjust its second school into a K-12.**

Rationale: The satellite campus has already been approved. This amendment would allow the LEA to operate the third campus with the adjusted grade ranges.

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