

**MINUTES
LIBERTY CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
August 25, 2011
7:00 AM**

I. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

- A. Chairperson Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00am.
- B. Roll Call: No Members were absent.
- C. Persons Wishing to Speak on an Agenda Item: No one.

II. BUSINESS

- A. Agenda Amendment: Chairperson Bryant asked for a motion to amend the August 25, 2011 agenda to include two additional items of business : Approval of 2011-2012 Annual Audit, and election of Vice President of the Governing Board of Liberty Charter School. Motion was made by Board Member Hernandez, and seconded by Board Member Mancuso to Amend the August 25, 2011 agenda as stated. Motion passed 4-0.
- B. Administration of Oath of Office: Oath of office was administered to Dr. Robbie Hamblin by clerk, Alane McKnight.
- C. Election of Vice Chair: Chairperson Bryant asked for a nomination for Vice Chair. Motion by Board Member Hernandez and seconded by Board Member Mancuso, to nominate Dr. Robbie Hamblin for Vice Chair. Motion by Board member Hernandez and seconded by Board member Colbert, for nominations to cease. The motion for nominations to cease passed 4-0. The motion to elect Dr. Robbie Hamblin as Vice Chair passed 4-0.

Highly-Qualified Certification: Liberty was very surprised when notified late in the summer that our 7th and 8th grade teachers were not considered "highly qualified" as our teachers had been considered "highly qualified" for the 12 years Liberty has been in operation.

We have always guarded the 7th/8th grade self contained elementary classroom as that was the reason we decided to go the charter route in 1999. As Liberty, teachers have a K-8 credential through the state of Idaho, obviously we knew our teachers were highly qualified. But, federal programs expect all 7th and 8th grade teachers to have an area of expertise as most public schools across the nation for grades 6 through 8 are middle schools and junior highs. So our school will comply with this requirement.

Since it will become easier in the future for staff to change to the middle school concept because the teachers will now be highly qualified to teach in middle schools and junior highs, Liberty Charter School, which has held to the original vision of our elementary K-8 setting will put into policy that ***"As long as Liberty Charter School***

remains a K-8 elementary self contained charter school, the school can continue to use the Harbor Trademark. That will ensure that the original vision of the founder will be secure.

- D. **Provisional Highly-Qualified Certification:** Two teachers are seeking provisional highly-qualified status. Matt McDaniel at K-8, and Shari Dodge in Debate and Political Science. Motion to approve provisional highly-qualified status for Matt McDaniel and Shari Dodge was made by board member Hernandez and seconded by board member Hamblin. Motion passed 4-0.
- E. **Authorization to sign checks:** Motion was made by board member Hernandez and seconded by board member Hamblin to remove Noni Housh as signer on Wells Fargo "high school" checking account and to add Sara Manness as signer on Wells Fargo "high school" checking account. Motion to approve change of signers passed 4-0.
- F. **Approval of 2010-2011 Financial Audit:** Motion to approve, upon review, 2010-2011 financial audit made by board member Hamblin and seconded by board member Hernandez. Motion passed 4-0.

III. REPORTS & DISCUSSION:

There was none.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bryant asked for a motion for adjournment. After a full and complete discussion, upon motion made by Board member Hernandez and seconded by Board member Colbert, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 a.m. with all members voting aye.

The above minutes represent a true and accurate summary of this meeting.

Chairman

Clerk