

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY

Topic: Charter School Subcommittee Nominations

Date: December 2014

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Action Requested: Adoption Later Adoption Adoption/Consent Agenda

ISSUES BEFORE THE BOARD: The State Board of Education expressed a desire to continue operating with a Charter School Subcommittee to hear topics and make recommendations regarding public charter schools. If the State Board is going to continue with a charter school subcommittee, the Board must nominate and approve members of this committee.

BACKGROUND: In May 2013, the State Board of Education approved the formation of the charter school subcommittee to be made of two board members and the superintendent advisor. The subcommittee has heard a number of charter school topics and made recommendations to the full board for decision. It is time for the State Board to nominate subcommittee members and approve them if the State Board would like to continue with the charter school subcommittee. Below is a charter that shows what items will be delegated to the charter school subcommittee:

Items of responsibility	ORS 338	SBE policy	Approved 10/24/14
Adopt rules;	.025		Subcommittee for recommendation to whole Board
Waiver of provision of the chapter;	.025	#302	Subcommittee for recommendation to whole Board
Receive copies of any local district proposals; Written notice of approval by local school district	.035		No action needed
DELEGATED: Grant timeline extension of any timeline	.055		
DELEGATED: Receive and review an appeal of a local school board decision to deny a charter school proposal based on completeness	.055		
DELEGATED: Receive and review an appeal of a local school board decision to deny a resubmitted charter school proposal	.055		
Receive recommendation from Deputy Superintendent regarding the appeal of a local school board decision to deny a reconsidered charter school proposal, including whether or not to <i>consider</i> becoming the sponsor of the charter school and initiate rigorous evaluation.	.055; .075	#303	Subcommittee for recommendation to the whole Board
Receive recommendation from Deputy Superintendent whether or not to sponsor the charter school following	.065; .075	#303	Full Board consideration

rigorous evaluation.			
DELEGATED: Hear an appeal of the process if a sponsor does not renew a charter school	.065		
Renewal process for any State Sponsored Charter School (SSCS)	.065		Subcommittee if “nonrenewal” is recommended from staff; Whole board if “renewal” is recommended by staff.
DELEGATED: Hear an appeal of a termination decision of a sponsor;	.105		
Disburse assets of charter schools terminated or dissolved	.105		Subcommittee for recommendation to whole Board
DELEGATED: Receive an appeal from parent/students for a school district not giving approval to attend a virtual charter school	.125		
SSCS Annual Report Presentations			Full Board
SSCS Updates			Full Board

POLICY QUESTIONS:

- Did the charter school subcommittee contribute to the quality of the State Board of Education’s decisions related to public charter schools?

RECOMMENDATION: Continue charter school subcommittee and adopt nominations to serve on subcommittee.