

Oregon State Board of Education

May 19, 2016

<p>SUBJECT: Mosier Charter School Asset Distribution STAFF NAME & OFFICE: Kate Pattison & Cindy Hunt, Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Mosier Charter Schools will be consolidating into one charter school beginning in the 2016-17 school year. The charter school is also requesting that the public assets be transferred to the new school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Amend Existing Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal Rule</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> First Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Action (Adoption) <input type="checkbox"/> Information</p>
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BACKGROUND

North Wasco County School District #21 currently sponsors two public charter schools that are governed by the same board. One of their schools serves lower elementary grades and the second serves students in grades 6-8. The governing board, in collaboration with the sponsoring district, has decided to close the middle school and expand the second school to include grades 6-8. This will allow students who have attended the lower elementary grades to continue their enrollment in the middle school grades without applying to the middle school as a separate school and be put through the lottery again. Additionally, this will reduce the administrative requirements of the governing board and sponsoring district.

ORS 338.105 requires the assets of any closed public charter school to become the property of the state board. According to ORS 338.105(6)(a), the State Board “may disburse the assets of the public charter school to school districts or other public charter schools.” The Mosier Middle School has requested the assets to be transferred to the Mosier Community School which will now serve all grades. North Wasco County School District #21 supports this request.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

The State Board has not made any previous actions like these requested for this specific school. However, the State Board has approved three similar request for assets to be disbursed to a charter school when the school reconfigured under a new charter contract with a new sponsor. While this is slightly different, the impact is similar.

POLICY ISSUE OR CONCERNS

None.

CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING?

- N/A; first read—hasn’t been before board
 No; same as last month
 Yes – As follows:

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EFFECT OF A "YES" OR "NO" VOTE

If "YES" – The Mosier Middle School's assets will be transferred to the Mosier Community School Assets under the single charter contract and support the consolidation of all grades under the one charter.

If "NO" – The Mosier Community School will not be able to retain the assets used by the Mosier Middle School. The Department would be required to conduct an asset distribution or the charter school governing board may decide not to close the Middle School.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Approve next month No recommendation at this time

Hearing Date:

Prompted by:

State law changes Federal law changes other

1. Approve the request for public assets of the Mosier Middle School to be disbursed to the Mosier Community School sponsored by the North Wasco County School District #21.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Mosier Middle School Asset Transfer Request 2016.pdf