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Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Billings Room
600 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504

December 18, 2015

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Members Attending: (via telephone) Chair Muñoz-Colón, Ms. Janis Avery, Ms. Connie Fletcher, Mr. Peter Maier J.D., Ms. Mona Bailey, Mr. Jeff Estes, Mr. Bob Hughes, Mr. Dan Plung, Ms. Judy Jennings, and Tre' Maxie (10)

Members Attending: (in-person) Vice Chair Kevin Laverty (1)

Staff Attending: Mr. Ben Rarick, Mr. Jack Archer, Ms. Linda Drake, Dr. Andrew Parr, Ms. Linda Sullivan-Colglazier, Ms. Stefanie Randolph, and Ms. Denise Ross (7)

Absent: Ms. Madaleine Osmun, Mr. Baxter Hershman, Mr. Randy Dorn, Ms. Holly Koon and Mr. Parker Teed (5)

Call to Order

Acting Chair Laverty called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Member Muñoz-Colón, Member Avery, Member Fletcher, Member Maier, Member Bailey, Member Estes, Member Hughes, Member Plung, Member Jennings and Member Maxie identified themselves as being present on the teleconference.

Approval of First Place Scholars School as a Private School

Ms. Linda Drake, Director of Career- and College-Ready Initiatives

Ms. Drake stated that First Place Scholars School was approved as a private school for a number of years before becoming a public charter school in January 2014. With the Supreme Court decision finding that the charter school law is unconstitutional, the school has requested to revert back to a private school. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) reviews applications for private schools, and if no deviations from the requirements are found, recommends the applicant for approval to the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Board approves them. Ms. Drake reported that OSPI submitted a letter of recommendation to the SBE stating that no deviations were found in First Place Scholars School's private school application.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Business Items

Motion made by Member Jennings to approve First Place Scholars School as an approved Private School consistent with the recommendation of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and pursuant to WAC 180-90-145.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion passed on a roll call (11 yes/0 no). Member Laverty requested the roll call. Those voting yes: Member Fletcher, Member Plung, Member Hughes, Member Jennings, Member Laverty, Member Maxie, Member Avery, Member Estes, Member Bailey, Member Muñoz-Colón, and Member Maier. Those voting no: none.

Acting Chair Laverty adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

