

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
October 2, 2013
3:30 p.m., CDT**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 3:30 p.m., CDT, on October 2, 2013.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108, the State Board of Education conducted this meeting by electronic means because a necessity existed to transact business of a timely nature. T.C. A. § 49-1-602 requires the State Board of Education to approve a list of priority, focus, and reward schools by September 1. The Board's next regularly-scheduled Board meeting fell beyond that date, which is why an electronic meeting was necessary.

Present..... 7

**Mr. Mike Edwards
Ms. Carolyn Pearre, Vice Chair
Mr. Lonnie Roberts
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Dr. Melvin Wright
Ms. Katie Mitchell**

Absent.....4

**Ms. Janet Ayers
Ms. Allison Chancey
Ms. Teresa Sloyan
Dr. Richard Rhoda**

Chair Rolston welcomed the members and called the meeting to order.

I. Consent Items

A. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: **Dr. Rogers** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items – Final Reading

A. Charter School Appeal – Tracey Darnell Montessori Charter Academy

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education presented the details of the appeal and explained the recommendation to the Board to affirm the decision of Rutherford County Schools.

Using the Department of Education's scoring rubric as a guide for evaluating the application, Tracey Darnell Montessori Charter Academy's application scored as follows:

Academic Plan Design and Capacity Does Not Meet the Standard

Operations Plan and Capacity	Does Not Meet the Standard
Financial Plan and Capacity	Does Not Meet the Standard
Facilities, Transportation Plan, Food Service, Insurance, Waivers, etc.	Does not Meet the Standard

Therefore, the Executive Director recommends that the Board affirm the decision of Rutherford County Schools to deny the amended charter school application.

Vice Chair Pearre asked if there was a widespread community interest in this application. **Dr. Nixon** responded that there were no public comments at the hearing.

Chairman Rolston stated that this appeared to not be a good application and urged the sponsors to work on the application and continue with their dream and to be more specific on the details.

ACTION: **Mr. Roberts** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers			X
Allison Chancey			X
Mike Edwards	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan			X
Melvin Wright	X		
Katie Mitchell	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rolston thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone and reminded them of the upcoming workshop and meeting on October 24-25, 2013 in Nashville. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date _____