

Minutes - May 13, 2009

New Hampshire State Board of Education
State Department of Education
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

6. Renewal of Charter for *Great Bay e-Learning Charter School* - Roberta Tenney thanked Commissioner Tracy for his great support for charter schools and for the Follow The Child Initiative. Ms. Tenney introduced Maryclare Heffernan, Chair of the Visiting Team, Peter Stackhouse, Co-Principal, and Cheryl McDonough, Co-Principal. All spoke to the issue. The requirements of RSA 194-B:10 call for the ongoing review of charter schools. The site visit to this charter school was on March 30, 2009 and was conducted in the context of the five-year accountability process for charter schools as presented in the NH Charter School Accountability Process. The site visit was conducted for the purpose of assessing the relevance of the philosophical foundation for program development and delivery and the related strategies for governance, staffing, instructional, assessment methodologies, and community outreach. The growth of this charter school has been supported by a committed and competent leadership team that includes the sponsorship of SAU #16, specifically support from former Superintendent Dr. Arthur Hanson, the Great Bay eLearning Charter School Trustees and Co-Principals. Together this leadership team has successfully navigated the early design, development and effective growth of this charter school.

Motion: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Daphne Kenyon, that the State Board of Education accept the reauthorization of the charter for the Great Bay eLearning Charter School.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.