

Minutes - April 8, 2009

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

F. Charter School Renewal of Charters - Roberta Tenney reported on these two items.

a. *Seacoast Charter School* - The Department requests that the Board authorize the renewal of the charter for the Seacoast Charter School. The renewal term is for seven years. The requirements of RSA 194-B:10 call for the ongoing review of charter schools. The site visit to the Seacoast Charter School on February 17, 2009 was conducted in the context of the five-year accountability process for charter schools as presented in the New Hampshire Charter School Accountability Process. As such, 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 effectiveness of the Seacoast Charter School is realized through the commitment to the mission and vision of the school, and the basic principles that comprise the culture within the building. Based on the February 2009 visit to the Seacoast Charter School, it was evident that there is a strong learning culture, which is cultivated by a visionary leader. Roberta Tenney introduced Jane Bergeron-Beaulieu and Bill Wilmont who spoke to the issue.

Motion: Daphne Kenyon made the motion, seconded by William Walker, that the State Board of Education accept the reauthorization of the charter for the Seacoast Charter School for a seven-year term.

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