



OKLAHOMA

STATE BOARD of EDUCATION

Resolution

Whereas, the Oklahoma State Board of Education deems it in the best interests of the Board and the schoolchildren of the State of Oklahoma that the following actions be taken pursuant to this Resolution;

Whereas, the State Department of Education, under the leadership and direction of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister, implements Oklahoma statutes regarding public schools in Oklahoma;

Whereas, the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act defines charter school sponsors and the powers and duties of charter school sponsors. See 70 O.S. §3-134;

Whereas, the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act (the "Act") requires charter sponsors to adopt policies and practices consistent with recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing as established by the State Department of Education in all major areas of authorizing responsibility, including organizational capacity and infrastructure, soliciting and evaluating charter applications, performance contracting, ongoing charter school oversight and evaluation and charter renewal decision-making. See 70 O.S. §3-134 (k);

Whereas, the Oklahoma State Department of Education, in order to comply with the Act and to ensure charter school sponsors comply therewith, has established three (3) principles and five (5) standards for quality charter school authorizing;

Whereas, the three principles for quality charter school authorizing established by the Oklahoma State Department of Education affirm that charter school sponsors shall (1) maintain high standards for charter schools, (2) uphold charter school autonomy and (3) protect student and public interests; and,

Whereas, the five standards for quality charter school authorizing established by the Oklahoma State Department of Education affirm that charter school sponsors shall (1) engage in chartering as a means to foster high-quality public schools that meet identified needs, clearly prioritize a commitment to excellence in education and in authorizing practices, and create organizational structures and commit human and financial resources necessary to conduct its authorizing duties effectively and efficiently; (2) implement a comprehensive application process that includes clear application questions and guidance; follow fair, transparent procedures and rigorous criteria; and grant charters only to applicants who demonstrate strong capacity to establish and operate a high-quality public charter school; (3) execute contracts with charter schools that articulate the rights and responsibilities of each party regarding school autonomy, funding, administration and oversight, outcomes, measures for evaluating success or failure, performance consequences, and other material terms; (4) conduct contract oversight that competently evaluates performance and monitors compliance; ensure schools' legally entitled autonomy; protect student rights; inform intervention, revocation, and renewal decisions; and provide annual public reports on school performance; and (5) design and implement a transparent and rigorous process that uses comprehensive academic, financial, and operational performance data to make merit-based renewal decisions, and revokes charters when necessary to protect student and public interests.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the undersigned, being all of the Members of the Oklahoma State Board of Education, fully recognize and declare the three (3) principles and five (5) standards for charter school sponsors as cited in this resolution are the Oklahoma Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing as established by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Approved and Authorized this _____ day of January, 2017.

JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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