

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 6, 2015

Teleconference

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Pete Gosar, Jillian Balow, Nate Breen, Kathy Coon, Kathryn Sessions, Scotty Ratliff, and Walt Wilcox

Absent: Ken Rathbun, Sue Belish, Hugh Hageman, Ron Micheli, Jim Rose and Belenda Willson

Also present: Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; and Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Gosar called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Chelsie Oaks conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

PODER ACADEMY REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS

Mackenzie Williams, SBE Attorney, presented information on Wyoming Charter School Laws. Mr. Williams referred to the memo he shared with the Board members, and that his official recommendation is in that memo.

Pete Gosar shared that he asked the academy to withdraw its request, and they did not. He also noted that if the Board does not take action on this item, then it is as if the request is approved.

Nate Breen recused himself from the vote, as a member of Laramie CSD #1 Board of Trustees there is a conflict of interest.

Walt Wilcox, moved that the Board deny the state law waiver request from PODER Academy based on the Board lacking legal authority to grant waivers of the particular state law requested, seconded by Kathy Coon; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Scheurman, WEA, expressed her concern that PODER Academy would waive anything under the teacher employment act.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 7:42 a.m.