



# The Roger Bacon Academy

## NC Charter School Advisory Board Monthly Meeting - September 5, 2017

*The notes below reflect the observations of Lindalyn Kakadelis, Senior Consultant with NC Education Strategies employed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc. We post Mrs. Kakadelis' notes as a service to interested educators, parents, and community members. These notes are not official minutes of the NCSBE or NCCSAB nor do they necessarily reflect the opinions of RBA or its staff.*

### Agenda & Handouts: September 5, 2017

#### II. Application Updates

- [State statute](#) regarding charter applications - 115C-218.5
- [State Board of Education Policy](#) regarding charter applications – CHTR-012
- All of the applications must be reviewed and recommendations made to the SBE by April meeting so the final approval by SBE can be made by June.
- Outlines the changes due to [HB800](#) – Fast Track applications must be made within 120 days of when the application is submitted. Decision must be made no later than October 15.
- CHTR-013 – SBE policy – Planning Year for New Preliminary Charter Schools. – OCS reviewed this policy reminding CSAB that applicants can accelerate the process by attending the mandatory meetings held by the OCS while application is being processed.
- OCS reviewed State Statute [115C-218.2](#). This law states CSAB must give the applicant at least 5 business days to correct issues with their application. Also, before taking action regarding a charter school or charter application the CSAB shall provide a time for the applicant or charter board member to address the Board.
- The application process will proceed as it did last year with a 30 minutes clarification interview and if approved the application moves forward with an hour interview.
- In the application process the OCS is responsible for:
  - Collecting all applications & fees
  - Screening applications
  - Provided external evaluators with training
  - Provide CSAB an application review schedule
  - Notify CSAB of special requests
  - Provided general overview and evaluation from external evaluators to CSAB
  - Document each step of process
  - Notify applicants of each step of process

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## V. State Board of Education Updates – Mr. Dave Machado, Director, Office of Charter Schools (OCS)

- The SBE recommended Aristotle Charter School’s request to amend charter so they can partner with a new EMO, AAC (Achievement for All Children). SBE recommended the request go before Ethics Commission to make sure this request does not have any conflicts of interest with TeamCFA.
- SBE approved policy, CHTR-006 dealing with financial & governance noncompliance.
- SBE will be approving the recommended application template for the Transportation Grant at their Sept meeting.
- Seven new charter schools have opened this fall.
- Office of Charter School provided staff development for Heritage Collegiate Academy in Bertie County. This school is up for renewal in 2019. However, they missed a deadline - August 31 – to get information to the OCS. They also have not completed their EC compliance report noting correction that should have been made regarding writing appropriate goals and the basics of an IEP. CSAB is requesting this school appear before them at the October meeting for possible revocation. Their academic performance will also be reviewed at this time. (This is an “F” school that did not meet growth for 2016-17.)

## VI. Policy Committee – Steven Walker

Action Items: *ALL Passed Unanimously*

- Alignment of policy to Session Law - HB800 - Enrollment increases in charter schools
- Alignment of policy to Session Law - HB800 – Adds the 120 Day limit to approve Fast Track Applications
- Approval of the Letter of Intent and Application for the Transportation Grants made available last session
  - This is \$2.5 million and it does not exceed the requests received. – 35-40 schools have requested grant money
  - A school must have 50% of its students qualify for F&R lunch.
  - The grant reimburses up to 65% of fuel, maintenance or contracted services for transportation
  - January first checks will be distributed.
  - CSAB discussed the legislation incentivizing contracting services. CSAB was not sure if that was the intention of the General Assembly. Also, need to possibly cover purchases of buses and salaries for drivers. Machado said this could be added to the legislative agenda.

## VIII. Performance Committee – Joe Maimone

- Review of SBE Policies for Charter Schools  
The OCS compiled a [comprehensive list of polices](#) affecting charter schools and also polices not mandated for charter schools. (93 pages) The CSAB is being asked to review and make recommendations to the SBE regarding these policies. There will be further discussion on this agenda item at a later meeting.

## X. Renewal Updates

- There will be 11 renewals for 2018. Information on these schools will be brought before CSAB in October in order to make a decision whether the schools need to appear before CSAB for renewal.
- There will be 37 schools up for renewal in 2019.
- Reminder these renewals will be for 10, 7 or 3 years.

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- The renewal process will look at financial, governance and performance accountability data for the prior three-years. Also will look at Federal Program compliance – Title I, Title II, Child Nutrition, ED,

**XI. October CSAB Meeting**

- Discussion of continuing Low-performing schools – determining which schools need to come before CSAB in November.
- Heritage Collegiate Academy in Bertie County – presentation/evaluation before the CSAB
- Fast Track Application – follow up on Cardinal Charter’s extension plan (see above)
- Future meetings:
  - Oct. 9
  - Nov. 6 &7
  - Dec. 11&12

**Adjourn: 1:30 pm**

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