

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 12, 2008**  
**Wyoming Department of Education**  
**Conference Room 281 (via WEN Video and teleconference)**

State Board members present: Jim Lowham, Bill Anthony, Jan Torres, Pamala Anderson, Sandra Barton, Dana Mann-Tavegia, Jeff Marsh, Michelle Sullivan, Jim McBride

State Board Members Absent: Larry McGarvin, Matt Garland

Also present: Mary Kay Hill, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE); Joe Simpson, WDE; Jennifer Duncan, WDE; Tim Lockwood, WDE; Tania Hytrek, WDE; John Shumway, Attorney General's Office (AG)

Members of the Press and Public Present: Matt Kaufman, Legal Counsel, Cheyenne Classical Academy (CCA); Carrie Rosseu, CCA; Kari Cline, CCA; Joan Barron, Casper Star-Tribune

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Lowham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Jennifer Duncan conducted a roll call and it was established that a quorum was present.

**REVIEW FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Assistant Attorney General John Shumway reviewed the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law drawn up by the Attorney General's office based on the same document provided by each side of the hearing, CCA and Laramie County School District #1 (LCSD#1). He reviewed the document with the board item by item.

**JEFF MARSH MOVED THAT THE BOARD UPHOLD LCSD #1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES DENIAL OF CCA CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION.**

**SANDY BARTON SECONDED THE MOTION**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY PER ROLL CALL VOTE**

Bill Anthony commended John Shumway in helping prepare the final draft of the findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Jeff Marsh would like the board to send the message of the first paragraph of the board's conclusion.

Dana Mann-Tavegia hoped that nobody viewed this as a win/lose situation. She sees local boards as great role models for dedication and hard work and would like to see them model cooperation as well. She feels the local control that our districts have in this state promotes a situation where cooperation is a necessity. She would also like to see the Chapter 32 Charter School Rules and Regulations reviewed to make the process of application more clear.

Jim McBride agreed with Dana. He feels this exercise will help the WDE look more closely at the Charter School laws for better articulation of the process.

Jim Lowham wants all parties to learn from this exercise; the process can be confusing and needs to be improved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lowham adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.