

## New Items for discussion 8/29

1. New members; (re)introductions
2. Related developments, since last meeting
3. Handouts, etc.
4. Discussion re: schools/sponsors:

### Transportation

- \* How big a problem?
- \* Use existing law, re: open enrollment?

### Information

- \* What obligation/requirement, on school/sponsor?
- \* How pay for this?
- \* Should state provide the information-system?
- \* Ask Joe Nathan if computerized system coming along.

### Duration

- \* Should new school be time-limited? Not?
- \* If so, how long does its 'charter' last?
- \* After a first trial period, is it still time-limited? Not?

### Number

- \* Can there be any number of such schools/sponsors?
- \* Should it be a 'pilot' arrangement? How many?
- \* If the 'pilot' idea should be resisted, on what argument?

### Process

- \* Is this a 'certificate of public convenience and necessity' process? ie . . . have to make a showing that no such school (for this-or-that group, or testing this-or-that new idea) exists, or would be created by a district?
- \* How deal with this notion, if it appears?
- \* Should proposers of a new school have to approach the local district first, and be turned down, before they can approach another public agency for sponsorship?
- \* How deal with this notion, if it appears?
- \* Is there one decision about sponsorship, or two? That is: if a school get sponsorship from the U of M, or the MN Zoo, or District 287, must they also get a whatchamacallit from the State Board? Or does the new law directly authorize these other bodies to contract with a school, so long as the school meets whatever basic/minimum requirements are set up in the law?

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Strategy — *Log + other*

- \* Have a big, new, high-visibility bill; with lots of hearings?
- \* Have a few little amendments here and there?
- \* (Who can/will check, to see how much is in fact possible under existing law? . . . re: financing, loans for start-up, authorization to contract, ability of parents/teachers to form new school, ability of district to operate a school outside its own borders, etc.)
- \* Have several bills? There are likely to be several legislators wanting to sponsor a 'charter schools' bill; for whatever purpose/s.
- \* Have both the big, high-visibility bill and the little amendments. (Query: What possible problems of coordination; or problems with the amendments if the big bill should get killed?)

Name

- \* Who can improve on 'charter school'? What is it?

Existing Schools

- \* What if an existing school run by the local district asked for the same freedom and flexibility as one of the new schools?
- \* Could it also seek a different sponsor?
- \* Generally, would our answers be significantly different than our answers to the questions raised in the case of a new school?
- \* Would/could/should there be a way for an existing public school to have this autonomous status with its own district as its sponsor, should the school wish?
- \* Would we need to write a whole new section of the bill for this situation, or could we just have a very small provision somewhere saying an existing school could do this too?

*to all the various questions*

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This is the so-called 'site management' question.

There's been a lot of talk about delegating authority to schools. Mostly, boards like to talk about it, but not do it. Brandl had a bill a couple of years ago. The MSBA really beat it up.

The idea then was to have a 'standard plan' in law, establishing the relationship, so that a school that wanted to have this status could just ask the board to activate it.

The bill was drawn then to require board approval. Under the new concept the school might also be able to ask some other board, etc.

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