

here where charter schools * Recovering legislators

* What Board Is ? What IS NOT

10 year ago to the date month - bill passed that became 1st charter bill.

IS 1) Sponsorship - approval
CFL - not currently comp. beyond sponsor
Support & Guidance for all.
sponsor of some but approval for all

IS NOT => Advocacy - to lobby / change in law
** to solicit applications for schools.
That's for private group -

IS NOT - 3) CFL - Legal Compliance Function
The after-the-fact function
CFL deals w/ destructs / deal w/ ch. s. as destructs -
just as the destruct) compliance.
audits / financial reports to CFL
That's CFL -

Why do we need the new Board?

1) To insure accountability) C.S. ^{while preserving their autonomy}
- the ch. s board will provide front end prevention (design) rather than back-end regulation

a) diminish compliance problems that CFL will see by addressing issues at front end.
Certainly a few small guidance / approval / front end.

b) Address the small bus. aspects - This is a 50% of small bus small enterprise.
Skills, support, oversight is of a very different nature & larger entities who some would call bureaucratic.

^{a separate body to provide}
② We need the critical leadership functions for the state of MN that the separate charter board provides - because the charter law and the charter sector is an evolving thing.
Yes - there will be problems. w/ up front guidance & charter board there will be less of them problems.

But the charter sector is the principle R&D sector.
Allan Odden of U of Wisc called charter schools "this country's principal experiment with school-based finance and decision-making"
Let it be the dynamic, evolving sector it is, w/ guidance of a board that holds school accountable while preserving their autonomy. Let it provide leadership for the state - for all schools in areas of school finance, governance, the design of new learning programs, new roles for teachers, and the introduction of technology.

c) The Bd will design the right sponsorship role in the 1st place. In retrospect, we shd have paid more attention to sponsors - State level focus on guidance of sponsors - not just go to administrator of school as CFL is used to doing in dist schools.

* All about Front End Prevention, Guidance, Training & Approval - not Back end Regulation

② We need a home for Charter Schools

a) Charter schools is a fraction of what CFL does - the board would oversee only Charter schools - it is ^{Bd's} ~~their~~ role to make them good, successful charter schools - Because in the end the best "promoter" of charter sector is to be sure we have good schools.

b) We need a separate home because in charter sector, all schools are not alike. ^{meant to be!} In charter, accountability is discrete - focused on 1 school. That is different. We close charter schools if they don't perform. We don't blanket everyone w/ a new rule. That's different from how CFL deal w/ dist school. The way they really are used to enforce accountability in the district is to write rules for everyone if something goes wrong one school fails. ^{Some Enforc. Accountability for charters is diff. than nature.}

Takes different supervision