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Charter School Oversight

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Purpose

- To provide an overview of the oversight responsibilities of the district for all charter schools
- To provide the Board with information on district representation on our Independent Charter School Boards

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Oversite Requirements



Initial Responsibilities

- The Twin Rivers Unified School District acts as the charter school authorizer for schools within the District boundaries. As the authorizer, the District is responsible for reviewing charter petitions and fully vetting these petitions according to common standards, consistently, and with scrutiny.
- Once a charter petition is approved, as the authorizer, TRUSD is responsible for annually reviewing budget, first interim, and second interim financial reports. TRUSD reviews the charter LCAP and provides feedback to the charter. TRUSD reviews the charter annual audit and follows up with the charter on areas of concern.

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Charter School Monitoring

- TRUSD board policy, consistent with education code, provides for the following elements of charter oversight:
- The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the charter school to determine whether it **complies with all legal requirements** applicable to charter schools, including making all reports required of charter schools in accordance with Education Code [47604.32](#). Any violations of law shall be reported to the Board.
- The Board shall monitor each charter school to determine whether it is achieving, both school-wide and for all groups of students served by the school, the **measurable student outcomes** set forth in the charter. This determination shall be based on the measures specified in the approved charter and on the charter school's annual review and assessment of its progress toward the goals and actions identified in its **local control and accountability plan (LCAP)**.
- The Board shall **monitor the fiscal condition** of the charter school based on any financial information obtained from the charter school, including, but not limited to, the charter school's preliminary budget, annual update of the school's LCAP, first and second interim financial reports, and final unaudited report for the full prior year. (Education Code [47604.32](#), [47604.33](#), [47606.5](#))



CHARTER SCHOOL DATA BOOK

2019-2020

Educational
Services
Division

FIRST
EDITION

Annual Oversight

- Twin Rivers meets with the Charter school organization leadership team, at least annually. TRUSD team members visit each charter school site at least once per year.
- TRUSD prepares an annual oversight report that is provided to each charter school that summarizes the elements of data review as outlined above, observations from site visits, commendations, and recommendations.
- Twin Rivers holds that the annual authorizer responsibilities include building partnerships with authorized charter schools to provide the best education possible for students within the Twin Rivers Unified School District, regardless of their attendance at a District school site or a charter school.



District Representation on Charter School Boards

Ed Code Representation

- California Education Code §47604 allows a charter authorizing entity (TR) to appoint a representative on a charter school's board of directors.
- A District representative functions just like any other individual serving on that board and be subject to the provisions of the charter school's corporate bylaws, as well as the public transparency laws applicable to charter school boards (e.g., the Brown Act, Public Records Act, Government Code sections 1090 *et seq.*, the Political Reform Act, etc.).
- The District representative serving on the board would have a various fiduciary duties (e.g., a duty of loyalty, duty of care, etc.) to the nonprofit corporation, which would prevent him or her from disclosing any confidential information to the District that was obtained through closed session discussions.

- California Education Code §47604 allows a charter authorizing entity (TR) to appoint a representative on a charter school's board of directors.
- On July 13, 2017, a district representative was appointed during a regularly scheduled board meeting to the Highlands Community Charter School Board.
 - The role of the representative has been to communicate with the District on an as needed basis.
 - The compensation is \$240 per month plus health benefits.
- The District does not have representation on any other independent charter board.





Next Steps:

- Board discussion:
- Direction from Board sought regarding if this item should be brought back to a future board meeting with recommendations related to our current practices.



Questions?

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