



Santa Barbara School Districts

February 19, 2008

To: Board of Education Members

From: J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent

Subject: Approval of Changes to Peabody Charter School Board of Directors
Composition

Consent Agenda

Background:

The board approved the Peabody Charter on March 13, 2008.

Issue

Peabody would like to formally change their Board of Directors from 13-17 members to 11-13 members. Peabody would also like to change membership from four community members and four parents to three community members and three parents. A number of parents on the Board of Directors live in the school's attendance area.

Recommended

It is recommended that the board of education approve the changes to the Peabody Charter.

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Dr. Brian Sarvis

January 28, 2008

Dear Dr. Sarvis,

I am writing with regard to the revised Peabody Charter which was approved by the SBSB Board on March 13, 2008. The Peabody Board of Directors is currently operating with eleven members, and we inadvertently missed the charter language that states the number of members is 13-17. Therefore, we would like to make a non-material change to the governance section of the Charter regarding the number of Board members and the composition of the Board. This change preserves the balance of power on the Board. Specifically:

1. The Charter currently states that there are 13-17 Board members. We would like it to be revised to 11-13 Board members.
2. The Charter currently states that there will be four (4) community members and four (4) parents. We would like it to be revised to reflect current practice: three (3) community members and three (3) parents. (This will still leave the Board composition of paid Peabody staff Board members at less than 50%.)

With your approval of this change, we will align the Board of Directors By-laws with the Peabody Charter language.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and am happy to present it to the SBSB Board for official action, if you deem it necessary.

Sincerely,

Kate Ford, Principal

Cc Paul Minney