Hello, my name is [Name]. I am a student at Thomas Edison Charter Schools. I would like to discuss the benefits of attending charter schools and the advantages they offer to students.

Charter schools are public schools that are run by nonprofit organizations and are accountable to the state. They have the flexibility to design their own curricula and programs, hire teachers and staff, set their own school calendars and rules, and determine how they spend their education dollars. This flexibility allows charter schools to tailor their programs to meet the unique needs of their students.

In addition, charter schools are held accountable for their success. They must prove that they are meeting the needs of their students, or they lose their funding. This accountability helps ensure that charter schools are providing high-quality education.

One of the most significant benefits of attending a charter school is the ability to personalize the learning experience. Charter schools often use innovative teaching methods and lesson plans to help students learn in a way that is best suited to their individual needs.

Another benefit of charter schools is the opportunity for students to participate in extracurricular activities. Charter schools often offer a wide range of clubs and teams that allow students to explore their interests and develop new skills.

In conclusion, charter schools offer a unique learning experience that is tailored to the needs of each student. They are held accountable for their success, which helps ensure that they are providing high-quality education. If you are interested in learning more about charter schools, I would be happy to share more information with you.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you today.
**Ad-hoc Achievement Committee - Tirzah Anderson:** There is need for an achievement committee to look at data in an organized way. Per Adam, the end goal is to find a way to fulfill the elements of the strategic plan. This may eventually be a standing committee and will need to be put it in the charter.

Members of the committee from the board will be Emma Bullock and Estee Wilson. Sonny may also be on the committee.

Adam clarified that the idea is not just SAGE, but all testing done at the schools. There is quite a bit of flexibility in the number of members and the ability to break up into subcommittees. They may want to look at one area at a time or divide in the three areas aligned with SAGE assessments. Emma will chair the committee which will report to the board monthly.

Other will be asked to participate in the committee, including teachers. Input will be sought from principals and directors of instruction. Shem suggested that the counselors, Brad Larsen and Olivia Kirkham be on the committee.

**Motion to create an ad hoc achievement committee for the purpose of data:**  
Tirzah Anderson  
Second:  Adam Burris  
Unanimous

**Utah Consolidated Application - Tirzah Anderson:** Scott asked for questions regarding the UCA. Emma expressed a desire to discuss receiving Title 1 and Title 2 funds.

**Motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Application:**  
Adam Burris  
Second:  Tirzah Anderson  
Unanimous

Tirzah questioned training all teachers in Spalding, when they do not teach a subject pertaining to it. Melani Kirk stated it makes a big difference philosophically. It helps align the faculty and staff which creates a cohesion for the students. Teachers are more aware of what is done in the classroom and can share it with the public. It is very important to continue with the training for all. Melani was a PE teacher, but after she took the class she moved to the classroom and is now an administrator.

**Kara Swensen left the meeting.**

**Budget Contingency Goal - Adam Burris/Jim Peterson:** The revised proposed FY 15 contingency numbers are 6.3 for North and 4.7 for South.

**Motion to approve a contingency goal for 6.3% for North and 4.7% for South:**  
Adam Burris  
Second:  Estee Wilson  
Unanimous
Acceptable use policy amendment - Tirzah Anderson: Minor amendment to the employee Acceptable Use Policy for technology. Staff members should cc parents when e-mailing students.

Motion to approve the Acceptable Use Policy: Tirzah Anderson
Second: Emma Bullock

Brad Larsen, a teacher and ATP participant, expressed concern for the logistics of emailing parents. At times parent emails are not correct. He believes this will stop teachers from e-mailing students.

He understands why this is a concern, but asked if there could be a different way to accomplish the goal.

Tabled

Emma Bullock thought that the policy should say that staff members will only communicate about school issues. If they ever communicate about anything else, they are in violation of the policy.

National Conferences - Adam Burris: The financial subcommittee is willing to set aside money for staff to attend national conferences. They discussed creating a line item on the budget.

If a line item is created there will be no need for a policy regarding national conferences. The administration would decide which conferences they would like to attend. The funds could roll over from year to year. Board members will also be eligible to attend the conferences.

Personnel requests - Melani Kirk/Scott Jackson:
Melani Kirk - Jacqueline Pyne, front office receptionist, asked to work only 30 hours per week. She is still receiving benefits, but her salary has been prorated.
Scott Jackson - Janessa Bond as a new special education aide, Benjamin Cole as a new evening custodian and Leticia Masuyama as an elementary aide replacing Lisa MacInnes.

Motion to approve the personnel request for Edison North: Adam Burris
Second: Tirzah Anderson
Unanimous

Contractor Approval - Melani Kirk: Melani handed the board the contract for lawn care/snow removal. JV Lawn Care won the bid. The contract is for 5 years and will be evaluated annually. After the initial year of evaluation, the contract price should not change for the remaining years. There is a clause for 30 day cancellation by either party.

Motion to approve the JV Lawn Care contract: Tirzah Anderson
Second: Emma Bullock
Unanimous
Finance report - Jim Peterson: Jim handed out information showing the schools have been good stewards of spending public funds. They have looked at what they can do to take money out of facilities to spend on students and teachers. He passed out a chart projecting how much the additional costs would be if the schools were still leasing their buildings. Both schools would be in the red.

The budgets have been updated. The change in the South receptionist hours and another FTE error for the office have been updated. The employee benefits have gone from a projection to an actual number. Edison North had a difference in the equipment section.

Adam announced that Edison South as a 90 day surplus over unrestricted funds. Edison North has a 60 day surplus. According to the strategic plan it will be used for paying down debts.

Scott Jackson - Last week he and Nikyla met with Steve and Thayne from Red Apple. While initially being disappointed, the outcome was good. Steve worked many extra hours last weekend to provide the needed data and made the adjustments. Scott applauded the work that was done. He was very pleased with the direction it took. Steve found that the accountants in his office weren't always paying attention to the category specified on the requisition.

Principal Reports - Scott Melani: Melani referred to her written report. Scott Jackson announced that both schools started open enrollment on Monday and are meeting with prospective parents. Adam suggested that as we approach enrollment for next year, the board should appoint a board member to take over public relations and enrollment to help fill the school.

Motion to adjourn: Tirzah Anderson