BACKGROUND

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Silvies River Charter School (a virtual public charter school) made the decision to terminate operation in Frenchglen School District and applied to start operating as a new charter school in the Harney County School District #4. Students at the public charter school will need to reapply and enroll in the new school to ensure families understand the organizational shift to a new school district. Since the school is a virtual public charter school, students will not experience a disruption or change in operation. Because the school will likely maintain the same student enrollment, the school is asking for all of the assets to remain with the school in the new school district.

Frenchglen SD has indicated they do not have any claim to the assets of the public charter school.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION (if applicable)

The State Board of Education has approved similar virtual public charter school assets requests in the past.

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POLICY ISSUES OR CONCERNS

This is the fourth time in Oregon a virtual public charter school has changed sponsor and requested the assets to be transferred to the new charter school. Since 2012, there have been six public charter schools that have changed their district sponsor by applying to a new district for approval to operate the same or similar charter school. Of those six, four were virtual public charter schools. The current change by Silvies River Charter School will be the seventh overall change and the school’s second sponsor change resulting in the school having had three different district sponsors since its initial opening in 2003.

EQUITY IMPACT ANALYSIS (if applicable)

The school is a state-wide virtual public charter school. Students who are currently enrolled in the school will continue to have access to the school.
AGENDA ITEM: 3.D

FISCAL ANALYSIS (if applicable)

Transferring the assets to Silvies River Charter School in Harney County SD #4 will allow the school to maintain seamless services to the students.

If the board decides not to approve this request, Department staff will be required to inventory assets, obtain possession of the assets and distribute them to other public schools and districts in Oregon.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2019 Silvies River Asset Request.pdf
Attachment 2: 2019 Silvies River Assets Frenchglen SD Email.pdf