

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROLOGUE EARLY COLLEGE AND ENTERING INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH PROLOGUE, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the establishment of the Prologue Early College at 1135 N. Cleaver Street, and approve entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with Prologue, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of Prologue Early College. A written School Management and Performance Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-1.1, 105 ILCS 5/34-18(30) and the Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy"), Prologue Early College will open in the fall of 2011 as a Contract School located at 1135 N. Cleaver Street. The Board hereby designates the Prologue Early College as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b., as amended.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of Prologue Early College as a Contract School was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 in the Board Chambers in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The March 17th hearing was recorded and a summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2010, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a contract school, performance school or charter campus were submitted by interested parties to the Board in August 30, 2010. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

Enrollment: Prologue Early College will be a citywide school that will enroll students through testing to determine students' entry levels and interviews with Prologue Early College team members, including the principal, to determine students' personal interests and commitment to obtaining a high school diploma. Students will be admitted on an ongoing basis provided that seats are available. If there will be more

applicants than seats available, applicants will be placed on a waiting list and a random student admissions lottery will be conducted on a quarterly basis. Prologue Early College will accept for enrollment up to 225 students in grades in grades 9-12 who will be recruited by Prologue Early College for placement with the assent of the Office of New Schools and/or its designee.

Curriculum: Prologue Early College will provide an alternative education program focused for youth of ages 17-21 years who are at-risk or have dropped out of traditional school. The program shall be designed to prepare students for graduation from high school and provide a post-secondary path. Prologue Early College will issue diplomas to students who successfully complete the program in accordance with state and CPS requirements.

Advisory Body: A school advisory body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's Renaissance School Policy in the following manner: the CEO or his designee in consultation with Prologue, Inc. shall develop the composition and duties of the advisory body for approval by the Board. Such requirements shall be included in the agreement with Prologue, Inc. The members of the advisory body will be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the CEO or his designee.

School Management Description: At a minimum, the School Management and Performance Agreement will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school and shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the school operator including, but not limited to, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with the Board's Renaissance Policy, contract schools may request exemptions from Board Rules and Policies or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval.

TERM: The term of the School Management and Performance Agreement shall commence July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2016. Prologue, Inc. and Prologue Early College's designation as a Renaissance Contract School will expire on June 30, 2016 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

COMPENSATION: Prologue, Inc. will be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of Prologue Early College.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the school operator, in the written School Management and Performance Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written School Management and Performance Agreement.

LSC REVIEW: Approval of Local School Council is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY12 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school, Prologue, Inc. will employ its own principal, teachers and staff.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 2006 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved:



Nora Moreno Cargie
Chief of Staff

Respectfully submitted:



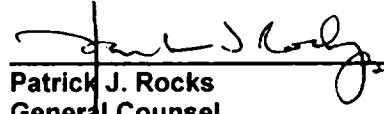
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Approved as to Legal Form: 



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