

AMEND BOARD REPORT 03-1217-EX02
APPROVE, DENY AND EXTEND CONSIDERATION OF
CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSALS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve and deny charter school proposals as indicated in Appendices A and B with approvals being contingent upon the execution of a Charter School Agreement, and extend consideration of proposals as indicated in Appendix C. The Charter School agreements shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board of Education and the governing body of each charter school. The approved charter schools shall commence operations in the 2004-05 school year. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each approved charter school in the event a written Charter School Agreement for such approved charter school is not executed by the Board and the charter school within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Each Charter School Agreement shall only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Consideration for proposals in Appendix C shall be extended for 75 days.

This August 2007 amendment is necessary to authorize the Namaste Charter School ("Namaste") to change their school location from 3540 S. Hermitage to 3737 S Paulina. A written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is required. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment is not executed by the Board and Namaste within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The amendment authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION: The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27 A-1 et. seq.) provides that up to 30 charter schools may be operated in the City of Chicago. Proposals to operate charter schools are to be submitted to the Board of Education for evaluation pursuant to the standards set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27 A-8, and the Board of Education is to convene a public meeting to obtain information to assist in its decision to grant or deny each proposal and report its action to the State Board of Education. The State Board determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed contract satisfy the provisions of the Charter School law and, if so, certifies the charter school. The Board of Education has received and evaluated twenty-five charter school proposals. The Board hereby approves the charter school proposals indicated in Appendix A and hereby denies the charter school proposals indicated in Appendix B and hereby extends consideration for proposals in Appendix C to enable the further evaluation of each proposal. Proposals listed in Appendix D have been withdrawn by the applicants.

In June 2007 Namaste submitted a material modification to change their address. The Namaste Charter School will now be located at 3737 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60617.

TERM OF CHARTER SCHOOLS: The term of the agreement for each approved charter school shall be from July 1, 2004 through June 20, 2009.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions in the written Charter School Agreements which shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of each charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreements. Authorize the Director of Charter Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the actions approved hereunder and to submit the

approved proposals and signed Charter School Agreements to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate, and execute any amendments to each Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY04 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

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, 1996 (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.

Contingent Liability – The Agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed to be a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

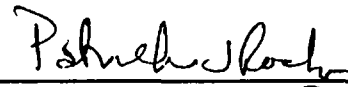
Respectfully submitted:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

Appendix A - Charter School Applications Approved

Name of Applicant Organization	Name of Proposed School	Address	Term
Chicago Mathematics & Science Academy Charter School	Chicago Mathematics and Science Academy Charter School	1709 W. Lunt 60626	2004 - 2009
Namaste Charter School, Inc.	Namaste Charter School	3540 S. Hermitage 60609 3737 S. Paulina 60609	2004 - 2009

Appendix B - Charter School Applications Denied

Name of Applicant Organization	Name of Proposed School	Address	Reason for Denial Weakness In:
Center for Entrepreneurship & Economic Development	Academy of Business and Entrepreneurship	7550 S. Phillips Ave. 60649	Curriculum, management
Boys Choir of Harlem, Inc.	Boys Choir of Chicago Charter School	8708 S. Colfax 60617	Curriculum, facility, finances, governance
John Spry Community School	Chicago Career Center Charter School	Not identified	Facility
Phoenix Educational Foundations, NFP	Community Links Charter School	2400 S. Marshall Blvd. 60623	Finances, management
	Excel Fine Arts Secondary and College Charter School	1145 W. Wilson Ave. 60640	Finances, governance, management
	Expansions Charter School	849 N. Leamington 60651	Curriculum, management
Quality Behavioral Care, Inc.	Leanig Success Vocational Charter School	849 N. Leamington 60651	Curriculum, facility, finances, governance
LuMar Technology & Communications Charter School	LuMar Technology & Communications Charter School	9501 S. King Drive 60628	Finances, governance, management, accountability
Native Foundations, Inc.	Native Foundations Charter High School	4849 North Milwaukee Ave. #407-409 60630	Curriculum, governance, management, accountability
Quest Charter School Management Group	Quest Charter School	820 N. Central 60651	Facility, finances, governance, management
		5120 N. Broadway, 1124 -	
South East Asia Center	The Bridge International Charter School	1134 W. Ainslie Street, 1108 -	Curriculum, finances, governance
Two Dimensions Preparatory Academy, Inc.	Two Dimensions Charter School at Chicago	1114 W. Foster Ave. 60640	
		8738 S. Aberdeen 60620	Facility, finances, governance, educational program
Urban Prep Academies	Urban Prep Charter Academy		Curriculum, facility, finances
Little Black Pearl Workshop	Voices and Visions Charter School	1060 E. 47th Street 60653	Curriculum, finances, governance
West Englewood United Organization	WEUO Charter School	1650 W. 62nd Street 60636	Incomplete application

Appendix C - Charter School Application Extensions

Name of Applicant Organization	Name of Proposed School	Address
Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council	Construction Industry Charter High School	5410 S. State 60609
YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	YMCA Elementary Charter School	1001 W. Roosevelt 60608

Appendix D - Charter School Applications Withdrawn

Name of Applicant Organization	Name of Proposed School	Address	Status
Aspira	Benito Juarez Computer Science	2435 N. Western 60647	Application withdrawn
The DaVinci Foundation	DaVinci Academy	850 N. Halsted 60622	Application withdrawn
New Original Ministries	The Faulkner Classical Charter School	7110 S. Coles Ave. 60649	Application withdrawn
CRMD Education Company	The Learning Center Charter School	Not identified	Application withdrawn
Human Resources Development Institute	Vivian E. Summers Preparatory Charter School	253 E. 113th Street 60628	Application withdrawn
Umoja Student Development Corporation	Umoja Student Development Charter School	Not identified	Application withdrawn