

APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH FRAZIER ACADEMY DESIGN TEAM, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the School Management and Performance Agreement with the Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of the Frazier Preparatory Academy. The School Management and Performance Agreement with Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. will be for an additional 5-year period. A new School Management and Performance Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be 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 renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: *The original School Management and Performance Agreement (authorized by Board Report 06-1115-EX11) was for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012 and authorized the operation of a contract school serving no more than 560 students in grades Kindergarten through 8. The contract school was designated as an Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b.*

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. submitted a renewal proposal on September 1, 2011, to continue the operation of Frazier Preparatory Academy under a unified mission, using Mosaica Education Inc. for comprehensive school management services. The Contract School shall continue to be designated as an Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and shall serve grades Kindergarten through 8 with a maximum student enrollment of 560 students. The contract school shall continue to share its facility with Frazier International Magnet School in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1.

Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. is authorized to operate a pre-kindergarten program in the same building as the contract school. The children enrolled in the pre-kindergarten will not be included in the enrollment of the contract school and the pre-kindergarten program will not be governed by the School Management and Performance Agreement. To the extent the Board provides funding for the pre-kindergarten program, that program will be subject to a separate agreement with and separate funding authorized by the Office of Early Childhood Education. A material breach of any contract between the Board and Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. for the operation of a pre-kindergarten program or the contract school may be treated as a breach of the other contract.

The agreement incorporates an accountability plan in which the contract school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to academic, financial and operational performance.

CONTRACT EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Portfolio Office conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Frazier Preparatory Academy's performance and operations. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, facilities surveys, financial analysis, and academic site visit of the school in which teaching and learning, leadership and governance, and learning communities were assessed. A public hearing was conducted on Thursday, March 22, 2012 to receive public comments on the application to renew the School Management and Performance Agreement with Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. for Frazier Preparatory Academy for an additional five years. In addition, the Portfolio Office evaluated the school's student performance. From 2007-2008 to 2010-2011, Frazier Preparatory Academy received 10 out of 30 high ratings and 16 out of 30 middle ratings on the school absolute student indicators found in the framework put forth by the district for assessing contract school pupil performance. From 2007-2008 to 2010-2011, Frazier Preparatory Academy's student attendance averaged approximately 93.5%. In 2010-2011, the percentage of students meeting/exceeding state standards on the ISAT Composite was 74.9%, an increase of 29.1 percentage points from 2007-2008. The committee recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, Frazier Preparatory Academy be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the School Management and Performance Agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2012 and end June 30, 2017. Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. and Frazier Preparatory Academy's designation as a Renaissance Contract School will expire on June 30, 2017 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the school and included as an attachment to the School Management and Performance Agreement with Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc.

COMPENSATION: Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. will continue to be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the Frazier Preparatory Academy.

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 Councils is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2012-2013 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, Frazier Academy Design Team, Inc. will continue to 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.

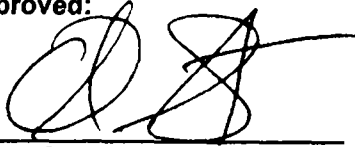
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their

terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

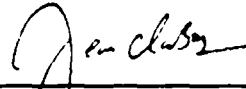
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved:



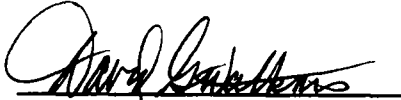
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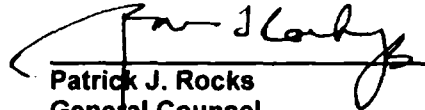
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Approved as to Legal Form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
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