

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 10-0526-EX3**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-1123-EX17**  
**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**AGREEMENT WITH UNION PARK HIGH SCHOOLS, INC.,**  
**AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with Union Park High Schools, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation for a five-year period. The Charter School Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

This May 2010 amendment is necessary to authorize Union Park High Schools, Inc. to relocate the Chicago Talent Development Charter High School to the independent facility at 4319 W. Washington beginning in the fall of 2010. The Charter School Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This February 2014 amendment is necessary to authorize Union Park High Schools, Inc. to (i) shorten the term of the Charter School Agreement to June 30 2014 in order to close the school at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, (ii) voluntarily return the charter by June 30, 2014, and (iii) wind down the operations of the school. Due to reduced enrollment at the school and issues surrounding financial sustainability, Union Park High Schools, Inc. intends to close its school and return the charter to the Board by June 30, 2014.

This February 2014 amendment is also necessary to update the address of the school from 4319 W. Washington Boulevard to 2245 W. Jackson Boulevard as approved pursuant to Board Report Nos. 12-0222-EX8 and 13-0522-EX91. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this amended Board Report. The amendment authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** Union Park High Schools, Inc.  
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 Chicago, IL ~~60624~~ 60612  
 Phone: ~~773-534-0845~~ 773-272-6479  
 Contact Person: ~~Kirby Callam, Chief Executive Officer~~ Gregory Ekey

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Chicago Talent Development Charter High School  
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 Chicago, Illinois ~~60624~~ 60612  
 Phone: ~~773-534-0845~~ 773-272-6479  
 Contact Person: ~~Jacquelyn Lemon, Principal~~ Gregory Ekey

**OVERSIGHT:** Office of ~~New Schools~~ Innovation and Incubation  
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Jack Elsey, Chief Officer

**DESCRIPTION:** The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-1 et seq., as amended) provides that up to 70 charter schools may be operated in the city of Chicago. Proposals to operate charter schools are submitted to the Board for evaluation pursuant to the standards set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27A-8, and the Board convenes a public meeting to obtain information to assist in its decision to grant or deny each proposal and report its action to the Illinois State Board of Education. The State Board determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed contract satisfy the provisions of the Charter Schools Law and, if so, certifies the charter school. This school operated as an existing public school during the 2009-2010 school year (Board Report 08-1022-EX16). This proposal to convert a public school to charter school status is consistent with Section 27A-8(b) of the Illinois Charter Schools Law.

**CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL:** The Chicago Talent Development Charter High School (Talent Development) proposal was submitted by Union Park High Schools, Inc. and received by the Board on August 10, 2009. The mission of Talent Development is to graduate all students prepared for success in college, career, and civic life. They will realize the vision of a respectful, caring, and motivating learning community that challenges all students and adults to develop their unique gifts and talents and realize their highest academic and human potential. The school will serve 300 students in grades 9-10 in the fall of 2010. In successive years, the school will grow one grade at a time, until reaching a capacity of 600 students in grades 9 – 12. The school will be located at 223 N. Keeler. This site will require that Talent Development share its facility with Tilton Elementary School. The two schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1. Public hearings on Renaissance 2010 charter school submissions submitted in 2009, as required by statute, were held on September 10, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

In April 2010, Union Park High Schools, Inc. submitted a material modification to relocate the Chicago Talent Development High School to 4319 W. Washington beginning in the fall of 2010. A public hearing on the proposed change was held on Friday, May 14, 2010. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In June 2013, Union Park High Schools, Inc. approached CPS with a proposal to phase out operations of the school during the 2013-2014 school year and close at the end of the school year due to reduced enrollment at the school and issues surrounding financial sustainability. Beginning in the fall of 2013, the school did not accept any new students and only served students from 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Union Park High Schools, Inc. publicly announced this information via communication to parents and a press release. As a result, Union Park High Schools, Inc. proposed to (i) shorten the term of the Charter School Agreement to June 30 2014 in order to close the school at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, (ii) voluntarily return the charter by June 30, 2014, and (iii) wind down the operations of the school.

Also, Union Park High Schools, Inc. needed to update the address of the school from 4319 W. Washington Boulevard to 2245 W. Jackson Boulevard as approved pursuant to Board Report Nos. 12-0222-EX8 and 13-0522-EX91.

A public hearing on the proposed closure of the school was held on February 17, 2014 at Board Charters, 125 S. Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

**TERM:** The term of the Talent Development charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2010 and end ~~June 30, 2015~~ June 30, 2014.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement which shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of the charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement and amendment. Authorize the ~~Acting Executive Officer~~ Senior Director of the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification as well as any other information as may be necessary due to the closure of the charter school. ~~Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate and execute any amendments to the Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.~~

**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 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY10 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of 300 students in 2010-2011 will be approximately \$2,294,100.00. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts for FY10.

To ensure that the school is able to successfully close at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, Office of Innovation and Incubation and the Office of Management and Budget have partnered with the school to identify areas of funding relief. Such funding relief will consist of additional revenue for the second semester enrollment date and waiving the facility expenses at the school for the 2013-2014 school year.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

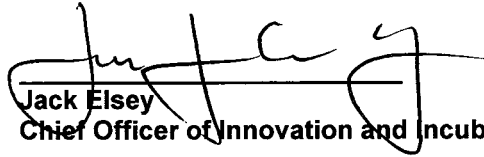
*Inspector General - Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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-P03), 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)~~ May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.*

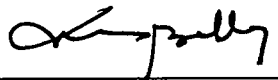
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Jack Eisey  
Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

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Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 

  
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General Counsel