

February 26, 2014

AMEND BOARD REPORT 11-0824-EX13
AMEND BOARD REPORT 11-0525-EX6
AMEND BOARD REPORT 10-0428-EX5
AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-1123-EX19
**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL
AGREEMENT WITH URBAN PREP ACADEMIES 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 Urban Prep Academies Inc., 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 the time specified in an amended Board Report approving the location of the school. 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 April 2010 amendment is necessary to authorize Urban Prep Academies to identify the independent facility located at 1014 East 47th Street as the location for the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore. 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 this amended Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This May 2011 amendment is necessary to authorize Urban Prep Academies Inc. to identify the CPS facility known as the Williams Multiplex, located at 2710 S. Dearborn, as the new location for the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore Campus beginning in the fall of 2011. 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.

This August 2011 amendment is necessary to authorize Urban Prep Academies Inc. to change the name of the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore Campus to the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus. 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.

This February 2014 amendment is necessary to authorize Urban Prep Academies Inc. to relocate Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus to the CPS facility at 521 E. 35th Street and the auditorium and gymnasium of the CPS facility at 535 E. 35th Street, beginning in the fall of 2014. 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.

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DESCRIPTION: The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-1 et seq.) 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.

CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL: The Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore (Urban Prep – South Shore) proposal was submitted by Urban Prep Academies Inc. and received by the Board on August 10, 2009. The mission of Urban Prep – South Shore is to provide a rigorous college prep curriculum that prepares a traditionally underserved population for success in college and beyond. They believe that their vision of single sex education that is focused on the learning styles of young men and addresses the socio-emotional barriers to academic success will enable them to reach their goal. Urban Prep – South Shore will be a college preparatory high school that ensures that each and every graduate succeeds in college. In addition to providing students with a rigorous college prep curriculum, the school will expose students to opportunities and individuals that will support them in achieving this goal. Once in college, Urban Prep – South Shore will aim to continue to provide guidance and mentoring to its graduates. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2010 serving 135 students in grade 9. In successive years, the school will grow one grade at a time, until reaching a capacity of 500 students in grades 9 – 12. The school will be located at a site to be determined and is contingent upon Board approval. 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 March 2010, Urban Prep Academies submitted a material modification to identify the independent facility located at 1014 East 47th Street as the location for the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore. A public hearing on the proposed location was held on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In April 2011, the Board's Office of New Schools and Office of Demographics and Planning worked to identify the CPS facility known as the Williams Multiplex, located at 2710 S. Dearborn, as the new location for the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore Campus beginning in the fall of 2011. Estimated costs for renovations at this facility will be \$6,980,892. This site will require that Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore Campus share its facility with Williams Elementary and Williams Middle Schools. The three schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1. A public hearing on this proposed change was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In August 2011, Urban Prep Academies Inc. submitted a material modification to change the name of the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – South Shore Campus to the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus. A public hearing on the proposed change was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In February 2014, the CEO recommended to the Board that the Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus relocate to 521 E. 35th Street, beginning in the fall of 2014. Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus will use the facility located at 521 E. 35th Street, the Doolittle West building, and the auditorium and gymnasium of the facility at 535 E. 35th Street, the Doolittle East building. The Doolittle East site will require that Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men High School – Bronzeville Campus share its facility with James R. Doolittle Jr. Elementary School. The two schools will share their facility in accordance with the Board's Shared Facility Policy, 05-0126-PO1.

A public hearing on the proposed co-location was held on February 17, 2014 at Board Chambers, 125 S. Clark Street, 5th floor. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

TERM: The term of the Urban Prep – South Shore charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2015.

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. 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. 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 20104-20145 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY105 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of 135 students in 2010-2011 will be approximately \$1,032,345.00. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts for FY10. Funding for the board action to relocate the school to the Williams Multiplex is contingent on the project being included in the FY12 Budget.~~

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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved:




Jack Elsey
Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

Respectfully Submitted:



Barbara Byrd- Bennett *RA8*
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



James Bebley
General Counsel