

June 24, 2015

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 14-0423-EX9**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 14-0226-EX9**  
**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH  
 NOBLE NETWORK OF CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Noble Network of Charter Schools for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be 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 renewal is stated below.

This April 2014 amendment is necessary to (a) authorize the final approval of the Noble Street Charter School – Noble Exeter Academy Campus proposal opening in the fall of 2014, (b) change the name of the Noble Street Charter School – Noble Exeter Academy Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – The Noble Academy Campus, (c) identify the independent facility located at 17 N. State Street as the temporary location of Noble Street Charter School - The Noble Academy Campus, (d) authorize the disbursement of one-time incubation and startup funds to Noble Network of Charter Schools for the new charter campuses opening in the fall of 2014, (e) approve the at capacity enrollment of 900 students at the Noble Street Charter School – The Noble Academy Campus and (f) increase the at capacity enrollment at the Noble Street Charter School – Pritzker College Prep Campus by 125 students to 1000 students, thus increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 12,975 to 14,000 in the fall of 2014.

This April 2014 amendment is also necessary to approve the name changes of (a) the Noble Street Charter School – Crimson Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – Butler College Prep, (b) the Noble Street Charter School - Orange Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – Baker College Prep, (c) the Noble Street Charter School – Purple Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – DRW College Prep and (d) the Noble Street Charter School – Silver Campus to Noble Street Charter School – Hansberry College Prep. 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 June 2015 amendment is necessary to temporarily relocate Noble Street Charter School - The Noble Academy Campus to the CPS facility at 1443 North Ogden Avenue for the 2015-2016 school year only. The interim CEO asks that the Board grant a waiver from the Charter School Capital and Facility Budget Policy, 08-0326-PO1, since the temporary relocation of the campus to a CPS facility was due to community input about its previously proposed location in the Uptown neighborhood. 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.

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 98-0429-EX12) was for a term commencing July 2, 1998 (with the charter school opening for the 1999 – 2000 school year) and ending June 30, 2004 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 500 students in grades 9 – 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009 (authorized by Board Report 04-0225-EX3). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014 (authorized by Board Report 08-1217-EX7). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 09-0325-EX14: Approved the location for the Chicago Bulls College Prep Campus at 2040 W. Adams.
- Board Report 09-0422-EX3: Approved the location for the Bain NUSH Grammar School Campus at 1454 W. Superior. Also approved an increase in the first year enrollment of the Chicago Bulls College Prep Campus from 200 seats to 230 seats and an increase in the first year enrollment of the Muchin College Prep Campus from 200 seats to 280 seats.
- Board Report 09-0826-EX10: Approved the withdrawal of the Bain NUSH Grammar School Campus and decrease in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 600 students to 5,396 students. Also corrected the address of the Golder College Prep Campus to 1454 W. Superior.
- Board Report 09-1123-EX9: Approved the establishment of a new campus – Englewood Campus-in the fall of 2010 to be located at 6350 S. Stewart and an increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 600 students to 5,996 students. Also approved the withdrawal of the Osborn College Prep Campus.
- Board Report 10-0428-EX3: Approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment of the Pritzker College Prep Campus from 599 students to 750 students and an increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 151 students to 6,147 students in the fall of 2010.
- Board Report 10-0922-EX3: Approved changing the name of the Englewood Campus to the John and Eunice Johnson College Prep Campus.
- Board Report 11-0126-EX8: Approved the addition of grades 6 through 8 to the Gary Comer College Prep Campus and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Gary Comer College Prep Campus from 600 students to 800 students, thereby increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 200 students to 6,347 students in the fall of 2011. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at UIC College Prep Campus from 600 students to 900 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Chicago Bulls Campus College Prep from 600 students to 1000 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Muchin College Prep Campus from 600 students to 850 students. Thus, the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school increased by 950 students to 7,297 students in the fall of 2011.

- Board Report 11-1214-EX3: Approved the establishment of two new high school campuses to open in the fall of 2012 at locations to be determined and an increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 1,800 students to 9,097 students in the fall of 2012. Also approved the establishment of two new high school campuses to open in the fall of 2013 at locations to be determined and an increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school will increase by 1,800 to 10,897 students in the fall of 2013.
- Board Report 12-0328-EX7: Approved the location of the Silver Campus which opened in the fall of 2012. Also approved the location of the Purple Campus which opened in the fall of 2012 at 931 S. Homan. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at the Chicago Bulls College Prep Campus from 1,000 to 1,150 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at the Gary Comer College Prep Campus from 800 to 900 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at the John and Eunice Johnson College Prep Campus from 600 to 800 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at the Pritzker College Prep Campus from 750 to 800 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at the Noble Campus from 600 to 650 students. Thus, the overall at capacity enrollment for the charter school increased by 550 students to 11,447 students in the fall of 2012.
- Board Report 13-0424-EX6: Approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Noble Golder College Prep Campus from 599 to 650 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at John and Eunice Johnson College Prep Campus from 800 to 850 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Muchin College Prep Campus from 850 to 900 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Pritzker College Prep Campus from 800 to 875 students. Also approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Rauner College Prep Campus from 599 to 650 students and an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy from 599 to 650 students. Thus, the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school increased by 328 to 11,775 students in the fall of 2013. Also corrected the address of the Gary Comer College Prep Campus address to 7131 S. South Chicago Avenue.
- Board Report 13-0522-EX103: Approved the location of the Crimson Campus which opened in the fall of 2013 at 821 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Also approved the location of the Orange Campus which opened in the fall of 2013 at 2710 E. 89<sup>th</sup> Street. Also approved the relocation of grades 6 through 8 of the Gary Comer College Prep Campus to at 1010 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Board Report 14-0122-EX8: Approved an increase in the at capacity enrollment at Gary Comer College Prep Campus from 900 to 1200 students and an increase in the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school by 300 to 12,075 students in the fall of 2013. Also approved the establishment of a high school campus - ITW David Speer Academy Campus – at a temporary location at 2456 N. Mango Avenue in the fall of 2014 and a permanent location at 5321 W. Grand Avenue starting in the fall of 2015. Also approved an at capacity enrollment at ITW David Speer Academy Campus of 900 students, thus increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school from 12,075 to 12,975 students in the fall of 2014.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted a renewal proposal on September 3, 2013 to continue the operation of the Noble Street Charter School (Noble) under a unified mission, including commitments to operate the fifteen (15) campuses unified through the use of uniform assessment plans and performance standards, curriculum and school calendar alignment, as well as standard governance, operational, employment, educational and admissions policies. The charter school shall serve grades 6 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 12,975 students.

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

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2013 – 2014 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
Noble	1999	1010 N. Noble Street	9-12	602	650
Pritzker College Prep	2006	4131 W. Cortland Street	9-12	858	1000
Rauner College Prep	2006	1337 W. Ohio Street	9-12	640	650
Golder College Prep	2007	1454 W. Superior Street	9-12	635	650
Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy	2007	3645 W. Chicago Avenue	9-12	650	650
UIC College Prep	2008	1231 S. Damen Avenue	9-12	851	900
Gary Comer College Prep	2008	7131 S. South Chicago Avenue & 1010 E. 72 <sup>nd</sup> Street	6-12	900	1200
Chicago Bulls College Prep	2009	2040 W. Adams Street	9-12	1079	1150
Muchin College Prep	2009	1 N. State Street	9-12	886	900
John and Eunice Johnson College Prep	2010	6350 S. Stewart Avenue	9-12	773	850
Hansberry College Prep	2012	8710-56 S. Aberdeen Street	9-12	498	900
DRW College Prep	2012	931 S. Homan Avenue	9-12	431	900
Butler College Prep	2013	821 E. 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street	9-12	102	900
Baker College Prep	2013	2710 E. 89 <sup>th</sup> Street	9-12	105	900
ITW David Speer Academy	2014	2456 N. Mango Avenue (in 14-15 only) 5321 W. Grand Avenue	9-12	270 (in 14 – 15)	900
The Noble Academy	2014	17 N. State Street (temporary facility)  1443 N. Ogden Avenue (2015-16 school year only)	9-12	230 (in 14 - 15)	900

In March 2014, Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted requested materials in response to the contingencies for final approval of the proposal for the Noble Street Charter School – Noble Exeter Academy Campus which will now be known as The Noble Academy Campus. The Board reviewed these materials and determined that Noble Network of Charter Schools met the contingencies stated in the Letter of Conditions.

The Noble Academy Campus is proposed to open in the fall of 2014 in a temporary location at 17 N. State Street and will serve 230 students in grade 9. In successive years, that campus will grow one grade at a time, until reaching a capacity of 900 students in grades 9-12.

In February 2014, Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted a material modification requesting to increase the at capacity enrollment of the Noble Street Charter School - Pritzker College Prep by 125 to 1000 students, effective fall of 2014, thereby further increasing the overall at capacity enrollment of the charter school to 14,000 in the fall of 2014,

In February 2014, Noble Network of Charter Schools also submitted a material modification requesting to (a) change the name of the Noble Street Charter School – Crimson Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – Butler College Prep, (b) change the name of the Noble Street Charter School - Orange Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – Baker College Prep, (c) change the name of the Noble Street Charter School – Purple Campus to the Noble Street Charter School – DRW College Prep, and (d) change the name of the Noble Street Charter School – Silver Campus to Noble Street Charter School – Hansberry College Prep.

A public hearing on the proposed new high school campus and the proposed name and enrollment changes was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In February 2015, Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted a material modification requesting to identify the facility at 640 West Irving Park Road as the new location of Noble Street Charter School – The Noble Academy Campus beginning in the fall of 2015. However, in June 2015 Noble Network of Charter Schools submitted a revised material modification requesting to temporarily relocate Noble Street Charter School - The Noble Academy Campus to the CPS facility at 1443 North Ogden Avenue for the 2015-2016 school year only. Public hearings on the proposed relocation were held on May 21, 2015 and June 18, 2015. The hearings were recorded and summary reports are available for review.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools within the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Noble's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial analysis, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on February 19, 2014 for all charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Noble. The committee recommends that, based on the school's academic performance and on other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the below "Additional Terms and Conditions", Noble be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of Noble's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** One additional term and condition which is included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with Noble Network of Charter Schools is as follows:

- By July 1 of every year of this Agreement, the Charter School shall submit to I&I the materials to be used for the upcoming academic year's student application, enrollment process and lottery, and school admission requirements.

**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 and amendment. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement and amendment. Authorize the 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 Chief Innovation and Incubation Officer to execute any documents related to the disbursement of the one-time incubation and startup funds for the ITW David Speer Academy Campus and The Noble Academy Campus.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**INCUBATION:** Upon final approval of The Noble Academy proposal and submission of an Incubation Budget Plan by the Noble Network of Charter Schools, the Board will disburse an amount not to exceed \$320,000 in incubation funding for the Noble Street Charter School – ITW David Speer Academy and the Noble Street Charter School – The Noble Academy Campus. The use of the funding will be outlined by the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

**STARTUP FUNDING:** Upon the execution of the Charter School Agreement with Noble Network of Charter Schools, the Board will disburse an amount not to exceed \$523,939 in startup funding for the Noble Street Charter School – ITW David Speer Academy Campus and an amount not to exceed \$481,219 in startup funding for the Noble Street Charter School – The Noble Academy Campus. The use of the funding will be outlined by the Office of Innovation and Incubation.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY145 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.

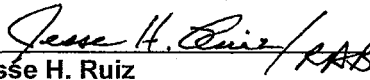
Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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


Approved for Consideration:

  
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