

May 26, 2021

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 19-0424-EX9  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 18-0627-EX5  
AMEND BOARD REPORT 17-1206-EX4  
AUTHORIZE ART IN MOTION CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL AND CHARTER SCHOOL  
AGREEMENT**

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

Authorize Art in Motion Charter School proposal and charter school agreement for a five-year period, beginning July 1, 2019. 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 by June 26, 2019. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

This June 2018 amendment is necessary to authorize (a) the delayed opening of the school until fall of 2019 contingent upon the identification of a viable permanent facility by January 1, 2019, and (b) the revised term. The specifics regarding these contingencies and the requested submission will be communicated by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to A.I.M. (Art in Motion) in a formal Letter of Conditions. 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 by June 26, 2019. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education.

This April 2019 amendment is necessary to authorize A.I.M. (Art in Motion) to identify the independent facility at 7415 S. East End Avenue as the location of the Art in Motion Charter School. This Board approval of the permanent site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site. 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 with 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 May 2021 amendment is necessary to temporarily change the location of grades 9 and 10 from the facility at 7415 S. East End Avenue to the independent facility at 7522 S. Greenwood Avenue beginning in the fall of 2021 until necessary construction is complete at the facility on East End Avenue. Should use of the temporary facility extend beyond January 2022, A.I.M. (Art in Motion) must provide to the Office of Innovation and Incubation: (a) monthly updates beginning in December 2021 on the status of construction at the permanent facility and (b) written notice at least 30 days' prior to ceasing its use of the temporary facility on Greenwood Avenue. The Board approval for this temporary site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site. 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.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** A.I.M. (Art in Motion), an IL not-for-profit corporation  
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Chicago, IL 60637.  
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Contact: Dr. Karen Ratliff

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Art in Motion Charter School  
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Chicago, IL 60649  
Phone: 773407-7488  
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7522 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60619 (temporary location of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, beginning fall 2021)

**OVERSIGHT:** ~~Office of Portfolio Management~~~~Office of Innovation and Incubation~~  
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~~Mary K. Bradley, Executive Director~~

**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 Illinois State Board of Education determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed agreement satisfy the provisions of the Charter Schools Law and, if so, certifies the charter school.

**CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL:** Art in Motion Charter School proposal was submitted by A.I.M. (Art In Motion) and received by the Board in three tiers: a Tier I proposal was due April 28, 2017, Tier II proposal was due September 8, 2017, and a Tier III proposal completed the proposal in accordance with the Charter Schools Law on October 6, 2017. Art in Motion Charter School's mission is to provide every student—regardless of their zip code—an opportunity to achieve their fullest academic and artistic potential through a personalized and performing arts learning model that is driven by challenging academic and arts standards. It will meet the needs of all learners including English Learners, students with special needs, students in need of remediation and those in need of accelerated learning. Art in Motion Charter School will bridge achievement and equity gaps experienced by its students and ensure all students graduate with a high-school diploma prepared for college and beyond. The education program of the school will include: rigorous content, personalized learning, critical thinking development, communication, collaboration, and a focus on the performing arts. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2018 serving a maximum of 200 students in grades 7 through 8. The school will add one grade per year in subsequent years with an at capacity enrollment of 900 students in grades 7 through 12. The school will be located at a location to be determined within the Greater Grand Crossing community. A public hearing on charter school submissions submitted in 2017, as required by statute, was held on November 6, 2017.

If approved, the identification of a facility will be required to be submitted to the Board for consideration.

In May 2018, A.I.M. (Art in Motion) submitted information to the Office of Innovation and Incubation requesting to delay the opening of Art in Motion Charter School until the 2019-2020 school year. The opening of the school shall be delayed until fall of 2019 contingent upon identification of a viable permanent facility by January 1, 2019 and the term of the agreement shall be revised. The specifics regarding these contingencies and the requested submission will be communicated by the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to A.I.M. (Art in Motion) in a formal Letter of Conditions.

A public hearing on the proposed changes was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In December 2018, A.I.M. (Art in Motion) submitted information to the Office of Innovation and Incubation requesting to identify the independent facility at 7415 S. East End Avenue as the location of the Art in Motion Charter School. This Board approval of the permanent site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site. A public hearing on the proposed facility was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In February 2021, A.I.M. (Art in Motion) submitted an application for amendment to the Office of Innovation and Incubation requesting to temporarily change the location of grades 9 and 10 from the facility at 7415 S. East End Avenue to the independent facility at 7522 S. Greenwood Avenue beginning in the fall of 2021

until necessary construction is complete at the facility on East End Avenue. Should use of the temporary facility extend beyond January 2022, A.I.M. (Art in Motion) must provide to the Office of Innovation and Incubation: (a) monthly updates beginning in December 2021 on the status of construction at the permanent facility and (b) written notice at least 30 days' prior to ceasing its use of the temporary facility on Greenwood Avenue. The Board approval for this temporary site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site. A remote public hearing on the proposed temporary location was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

**TERM:** The term of Art in Motion Charter School's charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2024.

**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. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation 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 Charter School Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 201921-202022 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY1921 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.

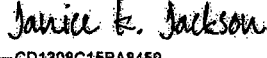
Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-P03), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-P02), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:


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