

APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH CHICAGO COLLEGIATE, 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 Chicago Collegiate, 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 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.

SCHOOL OPERATOR: Chicago Collegiate, Inc.
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CHARTER SCHOOL: Chicago Collegiate Charter School
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Office of New Schools

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.

CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL: The Chicago Collegiate Charter School (Chicago Collegiate) proposal was submitted by Chicago Collegiate, Inc. and received by the Board in August 2012. Chicago Collegiate's mission is to equip all students in grades four through twelve with the academic skills, intellectual habits, and character traits to succeed in the college of their choice, lead in their communities, and change the world. Chicago Collegiate uses a unique, expanded middle school model that starts at grade four, allowing the school to address students' growing literacy gap before they take on the demands of a true middle school curriculum. The research-based school design builds on the practices of the most successful schools in the country that serve low-income students from minority backgrounds and emphasize securing admission to and success through college. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2013 serving a maximum of 140 students in grades 4 and 5. The school will add grades in subsequent years with an at capacity enrollment of 630 students in grades 4-12. The school will be located in an independent facility at 11816 S. Indiana. Public hearings on charter school submissions submitted in 2012, as required by statute, were held on December 13, 2012.

In March 2013, Chicago Collegiate Inc. identified the independent facility at 11816 S. Indiana as the location for Chicago Collegiate Charter School, which will open in the fall of 2013. A public hearing on this proposed address was held on April 15, 2013. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

TERM: The term of the Chicago Collegiate charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2018.

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 written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive 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.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

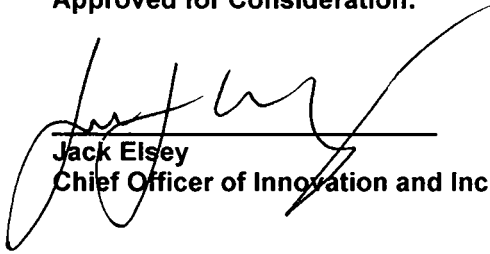
Inspector General - Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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.

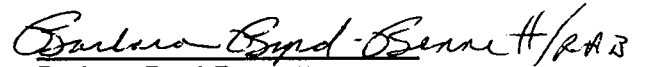
Ethics — The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:



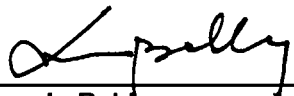
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Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

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