

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE CHICAGO TECH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Chicago Tech Academy High School Agreement (the "Contract School Agreement") with conditions for an additional three-year period. A new Contract School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Contract School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Contract School Agreement (08-1022-EX15) was for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014 and authorized the operation of a contract school serving no more than 600 students in grades 9 through 12. The Contract School Agreement was subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 (authorized by Board Report 14-0528-EX12).

CONTRACT RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Chicago Tech Academy submitted a renewal proposal on September 29, 2014, to continue the operation of Chicago Tech Academy High School (ChiTech). The contract school shall be located at 1301 West 14th Street and shall serve grades 9 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 600 students.

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

CONTRACT EVALUATION: After receiving the contract renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of ChiTech's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on May 20, 2015 for all schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including ChiTech. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, ChiTech be authorized to continue operating as a contract school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of the Contract School Agreement is being extended for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2015 and end June 30, 2018.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: ChiTech's agreement shall be recommended for renewal with the following condition to be included in the agreement:

- ChiTech's Academic Excellence Committee must continue to provide oversight and support for the term of the agreement. For verification purposes, ChiTech shall provide to the Office of Innovation & Incubation the minutes and attachments for every Academic Excellence Committee meeting held no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter.

COMPENSATION: Chicago Tech Academy will continue to be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of ChiTech.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the school operator, in the written Contract School Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Contract School Agreement.

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 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 FY15 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a contract school, Chicago Tech Academy will continue to employ its own principal, teachers and staff.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

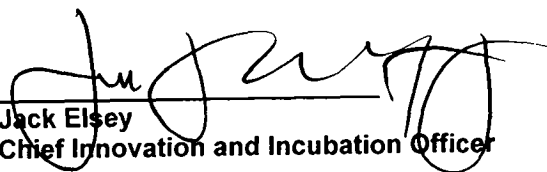
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary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

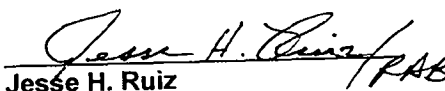
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:




Jack Elsey
Chief Innovation and Incubation Officer

Approved:



Jesse H. Ruiz
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



James Bebley
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