

## **Resolution 2122R-001**

**By Director O'Halloran**

WHEREAS, Section 118.40 of the Wisconsin Statute allows a school board to establish a charter school by entering into a contract with the person submitting a petition or proposal for a charter school or, on its own initiative, to contract with a person to operate a school as a charter school; and

WHEREAS, In July 1995, MPS published its process and guidelines for submitting proposals for innovative options for operating schools; and

WHEREAS, Since charters were established in the district, the needs of the district relative to its chartering program and practices have changed, making it necessary to make changes to certain procedures and a create more uniform method of contracting with charter schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That when a recommendation to renew a contract with a charter school is brought to the Board, the recommendation shall include

- A report of the academic, financial, and operational standing of the school
- A description of the student demographics, including the percent of children with special needs
- A breakdown of the schools teaching staff, including the percent who are licensed and the status of plans for licensure for staff who are not licensed

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Charter Review Team serve public notice of its meetings along with publication of the review criteria; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a report of the performance data of each charter school be brought to the Board for consideration annually; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the charter school authorizer report required under Wisconsin Statute 118.40(3m)(f) be presented to the Board for its consideration; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the lease terms for schools who use MPS facilities shall be limited to the term of the charter school contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Administrative Procedure be developed that codifies the steps that will be taken when a charter school closes, which shall include a description of how both district and student/family interests will be protected and the steps that will be taken to ensure that students will be able to be enrolled elsewhere within the district; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the model contract shall be revised to include the following provisions;

- That the school agrees to pay its employees a minimum wage of \$15/hour (which may be phased in over several years to ensure proper budget planning)

- That the discipline procedure of the school shall align with that of MPS and shall include a mechanism for disputes about discipline to be resolved
- That the school (if it is a non-instrumentality charter) agrees to provide an annual report that describes its relationships, financial agreements, and any other partnership agreements with any management company, in order to ensure the school's operational and financial transparency

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all applicable Administrative Policies and Procedures and guidebooks be updated to reflect the above changes.

*Introduced May 27, 2021*