

(Item 4) Action on a Recommendation for Renewal of the Non-instrumentality Charter School Contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology South Campuses

Background

Carmen High School of Science and Technology was established as a non-instrumentality charter school beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Carmen High School of Science and Technology is located at 1712 South 32nd Street. Carmen's mission is to graduate all students as critical thinkers and self-directed learners who are prepared for success in college, meaningful careers, community involvement, and family life.

On October 29, 2015, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors took action to approve the partnership between Carmen and Pulaski High Schools located at 2500 West Oklahoma Avenue.

The current contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology serves up to a maximum of 550 full-time-equivalent (FTE) pupils in grades nine through twelve.

In October 2016, the Charter School Contract Review Process was initiated by the Office of Contracted School Services. On November 14, 2016, representatives from Carmen submitted the Charter Renewal Intent Cover Sheet and Charter Renewal Application to seek renewal of the charter school contract.

The Charter School Contract Review Team convened for a half-day site visit on December 9, 2016, at Carmen Southeast and a full-day site visit on December 12, 2016, at Carmen South. The Team examined the school's performance and met with school representatives to discuss the data relative to contract compliance and renewal. The Team also reviewed any additional responses and information provided by the school.

Based on a thorough review of the school's application and data, the school's presentation, and site visit, the Charter School Contract Review Team has recommended a five-year renewal of the non-instrumentality charter school contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology. The recommendation was based on the school's having met the educational goals. The Superintendent has reviewed the performance summary and concurs with the recommendation for contract renewal.

The charter school's renewal application and performance summary data and the Team's recommendation, which have been reviewed by the Team and Superintendent, are attached to the minutes of your Committee's meeting.

The Administration recommends that the Board:

1. approve the recommendation to renew a five-year non-instrumentality charter school contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology; and
2. authorize the Superintendent's designee, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, the Office of Board Governance, and representatives from Carmen High School of Science and Technology to negotiate and draft a renewed charter school contract to begin with the 2017-2018 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2022-2023 school year. All proposed contracts for MPS charter schools shall be brought to the Board for final approval and execution.

Strategic Plan Compatibility Statement

Goal 1, Academic Achievement

Goal 2, Student, Family and Community Engagement

Goal 3, Effective and Efficient Operations

Statute, Board Rule, or Administrative Policy Statement

Administrative Policy 9.12, Charter Schools

Fiscal Impact Statement

Adoption of this item alone does not authorize expenditures. School allocations are approved annually by the Board of School Directors with its adoption of the Superintendent's proposed budget. The funds for the 2017-18 charter contract will be approved with the adoption of the FY18 budget.

Implementation and Assessment Plan

Upon the Board’s approval, negotiations will begin between the Superintendent’s designee and school representatives, in consultation with the Board’s designee and the Office of the City Attorney, in anticipation of developing a renewed charter contract to be presented to the Board.

Committee’s Recommendation

Your Committee is reporting this item to the Board without recommendation.

Director Joseph moved to:

- ~~1. — approve the recommendation to renew a five-year non-instrumentality charter school contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology; and~~
- ~~2. — authorize the Superintendent’s designee, in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, the Office of Board Governance, and representatives from Carmen High School of Science and Technology to negotiate and draft a renewed charter school contract to begin with the 2017-2018 school year and to end with the last regularly scheduled day of the 2022-2023 school year. All proposed contracts for MPS charter schools shall be brought to the Board for final approval and execution.~~

Director Joseph moved to renew the non-instrumentality charter school contract with Carmen High School of Science and Technology South Campuses and that, when the contract is brought to the Board for consideration, a provision to provide separate school codes for each of the Carmen campuses be added to the recommendation.

The motion passed, the vote being as follows:

Ayes — Directors Bonds, Falk, Harris, Joseph, Miller, Voss, Zautke, and President Sain — 8.

Noes — None.

Temporarily Absent — Director Woodward — 1.

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