



REVISED AGENDA
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 25, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Education Service Center – Board Room

- 1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2.00 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.00 Approval of Agenda
- 4.00 Open Forum (*3 minute time limit for each speaker*)
- 5.00 Action Items
 - 5.01 Action on Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy (PTAA) Request for Off-Cycle Charter Application Review – Franko
- 6.00 Adjournment

DATE OF POSTING: September 24, 2019

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Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEM 9.04

OPPORTUNITY AND RISK: DECISION ANALYSIS FOR MAJOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

BOARD MEETING OF: September 12, 2019

PREPARED BY: Andy Franko – iConnect Zone Leader

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: PTAA – Request for off-cycle charter application review

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: DESCRIPTION OF EXPECTATION/NEED/ OPPORTUNITY:

Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy applied for and was denied approval for a charter in the Spring of 2019 application cycle. The applicant is interested in applying during the 2019-20 school year with a new application. They are requesting the application be reviewed prior to the Spring cycle.

RATIONALE:

An off-cycle review of a charter application can be conducted if agreed upon by both the applicant board and the authorizing board. An off-cycle review would allow PTAA the opportunity to improve the application, connect deeply with the D49 community, and work to gain a viable facility solution for the potential school.

RELEVANT DATA AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The off-cycle review would commence in the fall of 2019. D49 Board of Education is requested to take action on the application in December of 2019. While PTAA is requesting a Fall 2020 opening, D49 administration will make a recommendation for opening should the application warrant a recommendation for approval.

INNOVATION AND INTELLIGENT RISK:

D49 has conducted off-cycle reviews in the past. This application has potential to support the portfolio of schools within the District.

IMPACTS ON THE DISTRICT’S MISSION PRIORITIES—THE RINGS AND ROCKS:

Culture	Inner Ring —How we treat each other	
	Outer Ring —How we treat our work	
Strategy	Rock #1 —Establish enduring <u>trust</u> throughout our community	
	Rock #2 —Research, design and implement programs for intentional <u>community</u> participation	D49 engages in a rigorous review charter application review process to ensure charter schools will provide quality options for our community.
	Rock #3 — Grow a robust <u>portfolio</u> of distinct and exceptional <u>schools</u>	D49 continues to improve the portfolio options for all students.
	Rock #4 — Build <u>firm foundations</u> of knowledge, skills and experience so all learners can thrive	
	Rock #5 — Customize our educational systems to <u>launch each student toward success</u>	

BUDGET IMPACT: None

AMOUNT BUDGETED: None

RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the request for an off-cycle charter application review for Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy

APPROVED BY: Peter Hilts, Chief Education Officer

DATE: September 5, 2019



RESOLUTION

Regarding Charter School Application – Off-cycle Application Review

The Board of Education is committed to Every Student by supporting Charter Schools as an avenue of serving student needs, promoting high academic expectations, and embracing a culture of innovation; and

The Board of Education is committed to providing a Portfolio of Schools – to include Charter School options; and

The Board of Education is committed to being the Best District by supporting the diverse needs of students through innovation and specialized programming emphasizing Character Education; Early Literacy; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM); Post-Secondary and Workforce readiness; and

The Board of Education is committed to building strong Community partnerships with both local charter boards and state and national agencies such as the National and Colorado Association of Charter School Authorizers, and the Colorado League of Charter School; and

The Board of Education is committed to building Trust by offering a quality chartering opportunities, which will attract and retain students in D49; and

The Board of Education is committed to building Trust by ensuring a quality review of charter applications is conducted by the District Accountability Committee, District Administration, and an external panel of experts, and is voted on by experienced board members;

THEREFORE:

We, the members of the board, resolve to support the request of Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy (PTAA) for a waiver of Colorado Revised Statute 22-30.5.107(1)(b), which states:
*“The local board of education shall receive and review all application for charter schools. If the local board of education does not review a charter application, it shall be deemed to have denied the charter application. A charter application must file its application with the local board of education by a date determined by the local board of education to be eligible for consideration for the following school year. An application is considered filed when the school district administration receives the charter application from the charter applicant either in hard copy or electronically. **The date determined by the local board of education for filing applications shall not be any earlier than August 1 or any later than October 1.** Prior to any change in the application deadline, the local board of education shall notify the department and each charter school applicant in the district of the proposed changed by certified letter. The local board of education shall not charge any application fee.”*

RATIONALE:

By mutual agreement, District 49 and PTAA agree to cooperate in an off-cycle review of the charter application following the review process as set by the school district.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2019.

Marie La Vere-Wright, Board President
School District 49

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

David Cruson, Board Secretary
School District 49



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August 15, 2019

Dear D49 Board Members,

Thank you for allowing us to pursue a charter in District 49.

We have entered a facilitation process with D49 and we are working tirelessly in the background to make significant effort to address all the D49 staff expectations from a new charter school. Our goal is to obtain approval to open a charter school for the 2020 school year that not only meets but exceeds D49 staff expectations.

To pursue this option, we are requesting that the D49 Board grant us permission to submit an offcycle charter application.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with the leadership team of District 49 and we look forward to a productive and growing partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victoria White'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Victoria' being more legible than the last name 'White'.

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CC: Shubham Pandey

CC: Andrew Franko