



DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Aug 11, 2015 - August 11, 2015 School Board Special Meeting/Work Session, 5:30 p.m.
Category	3. Superintendent Report
Subject	A. Charter Application
Type	Information, Discussion

To: Board of Education

From: Dan Snowberger

Date: August 11, 2015

Item Title: Charter Review Process

Category: Superintendent Report *(The Superintendent shall assure that the Board is fully and adequately informed about matters relating to Board work and significant organizational concern.)*

Time Estimate: (5:35 pm)

Purpose/Background:

Last Fall, Durango School District 9-R received a charter application from Durango Schools of Choice for an elementary school in Durango. The application underwent a thorough review by a subcommittee of DAAC and was found to be lacking in a number of areas. The applicant withdrew the application and asked to resubmit once it addressed feedback from the committee. A second review conducted in December also found concerns with the application and once again areas of deficiencies were identified.

The charter board withdrew the application once again and worked closely with the Colorado League of Charter Schools to do a friendly review of the application. It was resubmitted for district consideration in February. A great deal of progress was noted by the DAAC review team, however areas of concern were noted. The board chose to pass a resolution identifying the areas of weakness that would be addressed in the contract phase of the charter process and provided conditional approval.

Chief Student Advocacy Officer Jackie Oros led a new team with representatives from the Board of Education, FAC, and DAC to ensure that a contract was developed that addressed the boards concerns outlined in the resolution. A contract has been developed and gone through multiple reviews by both district staff, charter representatives, and legal counsel on both sides. It will be attached for your review. This contract will be brought back on August 25 with a recommendation from the Superintendent to enact between the Durango School District 9-R and the Juniper School for an elementary charter scheduled to open in August 2016.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Policy Type and Reference:

BC-02 Governing Commitments

BC-03 Board Job Description

Recommendation:

None at this time.

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