

## RESOLUTION

### Conditionally Approving a Charter to Cornerstone Academy

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2013, the Jefferson County School District No. R-1 ("School District") received a charter school application from Cornerstone Academy of Colorado ("Cornerstone"); and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated November 7, 2013, the Board of Education ("Board") denied Cornerstone's application for the reasons stated in the November 7, 2013 resolution; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, Cornerstone appealed the Board's denial of its charter school application to the Colorado State Board of Education ("State Board"); and

WHEREAS, to avoid the cost and expense of a first appeal to the State Board, the School District and Cornerstone agreed to participate in a facilitation pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-108, which facilitation took place on February 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, following the facilitation and based on presentations by Cornerstone and District administrators, the Board has reconsidered the charter school application; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the conditional approval of the Cornerstone Academy Charter School Application is in the best interests of the District, its students and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that Cornerstone Academy's Charter School Application is conditionally approved for a term of four (4) years subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That a contract acceptable to the Board and Cornerstone be negotiated and executed no later than ninety days after the effective date of this Resolution, unless the Board and Cornerstone jointly waive the time line pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-106(2). By conditionally approving the charter application, the Board is not specifically approving or accepting any separate element or provision of the application pending approval of the contract.
2. On or before 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2014, Cornerstone shall submit the following:
  - a. A lease signed by an authorized representative of lessor and ready for signature by Cornerstone for an adequate and appropriate site and facility, acceptable to the School District, to accommodate Cornerstone's education programs for the number of students projected to enroll in its school.
  - b. A balanced budget, acceptable to the School District, that satisfies applicable legal requirements and public entity accounting principles; and that properly accounts for the educational programs, start-up costs, site costs, capital expenses,

operational costs, employee compensation and benefits, materials, equipment and purchased services that have been represented in the charter school application.

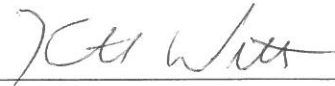
- c. A detailed written description of governance and parental involvement, which shall include an explanation of the process of transition from the applicant team to the initial governing board and a description of parental involvement in school governance.
- d. A detailed written description, acceptable to the School District, of how Cornerstone intends to serve students with special needs in accordance with applicable legal requirements and School District policy.

3. In the event the Board determines that any of the foregoing conditions have not been fully satisfied, the application shall be deemed denied by the Board on the date of such determination. In no event shall the Board action described in this paragraph be construed as a revocation of a charter or a charter school contract.

4. Upon request from Cornerstone, the Board or its designee may extend the timeline to comply with condition 2(a) until January 31, 2015, and postpone a decision on Cornerstone's charter application until its regular meeting in February 2015. In such event, Cornerstone will resubmit its charter application in accordance with School District timelines during the 2014-2015 school year; provided, however, that the Board may adjust or waive such timelines.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT R-1

By:   
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Ken Witt  
President, Board of Education

Attest:

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John Newkirk  
Secretary, Board of Education