



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.2

Meeting Date: March 16, 2017

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2929: Renewal of the Charter Petition for The Met Sacramento High School

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: December 8, 2016)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Deputy Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: To conference and take action to approve the renewal of the charter for The Met Sacramento High School.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento City Unified School District received The Met Sacramento High School's renewal petition on January 18, 2017 (Charter petition expiration date: June 30, 2017). The Governing Board held a public hearing in accordance with Education Code Section 47607 (b) to consider the level of support for the renewal of The Met Sacramento High School on February 16, 2017. District staff conducted a comprehensive review of the renewal petition and related submissions. The staff's analysis and recommendation will be presented for Board Action on March 16, 2017.

Financial Considerations: The financial considerations are outlined within the Executive Summary.

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Resolution
3. Charter Petition (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
4. Revised Charter Petition (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
5. Appendices (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
6. Revised Appendices (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 Minutes</p> <p>Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Deputy Superintendent Jack Kraemer, Innovative Schools and Charter Oversight, Director</p> <p>Approved by: Lisa Allen, Deputy Superintendent</p>
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I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

Action Proposed:

District staff recommends approval of the charter renewal for The Met Sacramento High School ("The Met") for five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2022 serving students in grades 9-12 through the 2021-2022 school year.

History:

The Met is a dependent charter school with 9th through 12th grade students located at 810 V Street, Sacramento, CA 95818 on Sacramento City Unified School District ("District") owned property. District originally granted The Met's charter petition for establishment on June 2003. The charter petition has been renewed twice and is now due to expire June 30, 2017. District received a charter renewal petition from The Met on January 18, 2017, with a mutually agreed upon 30-day extension of the renewal petition timeline requirements. A Public Hearing was held to consider the level of support for the renewal of the charter for The Met on February 16, 2017.

After reviewing the renewal petition and appendix items, District staff provided The Met with numerous areas that needed updates and/or clarification. In response to the District staff analysis and recommendations, The Met submitted a revised petition and revised appendix on February 27, 2017 addressing District staff's concerns.

II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

As defined by Education Code Section §47607, a charter school shall meet one of the following criteria before receiving a charter renewal:

- 1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years; or
- 2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
- 3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or

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- 4) The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend.

Due to the suspension of the majority of the California Standards Tests in 2013-14, The Met does not have a 2016 Growth API. Schools that do not have a current year API calculation will use either the more recent API score, an average of the three most recent API scores, or an alternate measure that shows an increase in academic achievement (Assembly Bill 484; See Education Code sections 52052(e)(2)(F) and 52052(e)(4)). The Met meets API criterion 1 as defined by AB484. Additionally, The Met had 72% and 33% of their 11th grade students achieve at proficient/advance levels for the 2015-16 CAASPP ELA and Math assessments respectively while the 10th grade students achieved at the 40% proficient/advance levels for the Science assessment. When compared to the respective student populations in SCUSD, The Met's population attained higher levels of achievement in ELA and Math while attaining lower levels of achievement in Science.

The Board of Education may deny a Renewal Petition if the charter school fails to meet the minimum standard for renewal, or if the Board of Education finds that:

- 1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for students during the term of its renewal charter; or
- 2) The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the renewal petition; or
- 3) The renewal petition does not contain the necessary affirmations; or
- 4) The Petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purpose of Chapter 10.7 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code; or
- 5) Where changes to the charter school's operations are proposed, the Renewal Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 15 required elements set forth in the Charter Schools Act.

If the Board of Education denies the renewal, the Board must adopt written findings of facts based on any of the above mentioned criteria or standards. In addition, the District "shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter

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school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal." Ed. Code § 47607(a)(3)(A).

A charter may be renewed an unlimited number of times; however, each renewal must be for exactly five years. (EC 47607). If a school district fails to make written factual findings to support a denial within 60 days of the district's receipt of a petition, the charter school's petition is automatically renewed. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §11966.4(c).)

District Staff's Review:

The District staff reviewed the below listed 15 required elements and the Impact on District (i.e. facilities, District oversight, etc.) in The Met's renewal petition.

Elements:

- 1) Educational Program
- 2) Measurable Student Outcomes
- 3) Method by Which Pupil Progress is to be Measured
- 4) Governance Structure
- 5) Employee Qualifications
- 6) Health and Safety Procedures
- 7) Means to Achieve a Reflective Racial and Ethnic Balance
- 8) Admissions Requirements
- 9) Financial Audit
- 10) Suspension and Expulsion Procedures
- 11) Staff Retirement Systems
- 12) Attendance Alternative
- 13) Description of Employee Rights
- 14) Dispute Resolution Process
- 15) Procedure for School Closure

Although the originally submitted renewal petition included the above information required, District staff recommended revisions and additional information to improve the petition. The changes made to the The Met initial renewal petition and appendix are noted in the first two pages of the Charter School's revised renewal appendix.

Based on the results of the District staff's review process of the initial renewal petition, revised renewal petition, initial appendix, and revised appendix, District staff assessed that all fifteen

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elements are reasonably comprehensive individually and collectively. District staff also assessed that The Met meets the statutory requirements for renewal.

III. BUDGET

State income and various other income sources to the District are reduced when students living in District boundaries enroll at a charter school. Under Education Code section 47604(c), a school district that grants a charter to a charter school to be operated by, or as, a nonprofit public benefit corporation is not held liable for the charter school's debts or obligations as long as the school district complies with all oversight responsibilities. However, as a dependent charter school of Sacramento City Unified School District, District is liable for the charter school's debts or obligations.

The District will continue to have monitoring and oversight responsibility for the charter school's finances, as specified in the Charter Schools Act.

Any modifications to the Charter School's petition or operations with significant financial implications would require District approval prior to implementation.

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES

Not Applicable.

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Not Applicable.

VI. RESULTS

The Met's revised renewal petition meets the statutory requirements and recommendations of the District staff. District staff recommends that the charter renewal for The Met be approved.

VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS

Next Steps:

As the charter authorizer, District will provide continued oversight by conducting annual visits and programmatic audits to review the charter school's records of past performance and future plans regarding academics, finances, and operations. Particularly in the following areas:

- Recruitment efforts for racial/ethnic balance

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The revised charter renewal petition is available online at: <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2929
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PETITION TO RENEW THE CHARTER OF
THE MET SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, The Met Sacramento High School submitted to Sacramento City Unified School District (“District”) a charter renewal petition (“Petition”), dated January 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, following feedback from District staff, the Petition was revised and submitted (“Revised Petition”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Governing Board held a public hearing on February 16, 2017 and took board action on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has considered the level of public support for The Met Sacramento High School and has reviewed the Revised Petition and all information received with respect to the Revised Petition, including all supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Revised Petition, the Governing Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, after analysis of the Revised Petition and the related supplemental materials, the Superintendent and District staff have recommended approval of the Revised Petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education hereby approves the Revised Petition to renew the Charter of The Met Sacramento High School for another term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the charter shall be for five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 16th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____
ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education

Jay Hansen
President of the Board of Education