

RESOLUTION 2017-40
Denying Request to Relinquish Exclusive Chartering Authority
for
Spacious Skies Charter School

Whereas, on February 21, 2017, Spacious Skies Charter School (Spacious Skies) requested that the Board of Education (Board) of Colorado Springs School District 11 (District) relinquish its exclusive chartering authority (ECA), allowing Spacious Skies to apply to the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) to become an institute charter school and establish and operate a charter school in the District.

Whereas, Spacious Skies' request was in accordance with District Policy LBD and related Regulation LBD-R, including Spacious Skies' completed "Request to Relinquish Exclusive Chartering Authority" form;

Whereas, the District organized a group of staff members to review Spacious Skies' request and related application;

Whereas, the staff member review team presented its findings at the Board's March 22, 2017 non-action meeting, including its finding that the proposed charter school's focus duplicates project-based learning education that is offered at many District schools;

Whereas, per C.R.S. §22-30.5-102(3), the intent of the legislature in enacting the Charter Schools Act was to create an avenue for parents, teachers and community members to implement new and innovative methods of educating children;

Whereas, the staff member review team found that Spacious Skies' proposed charter school is not ideal for relinquishment, and that, if Spacious Skies seeks to establish and operate a charter school in the District, Spacious Skies should apply to become a District-authorized charter school by submitting a full application for authorization by the District's Board;

Whereas, per C.R.S. §22-30.5-504(8), the District Board must vote by resolution whether to approve or deny the request to relinquish exclusive chartering authority;

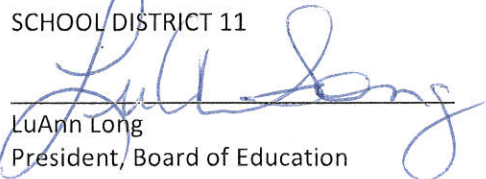
Whereas, the Board has considered the request and related application, the Charter Schools Act, District policies and regulations, and the review prepared by the staff member review team; and

Whereas, the Board scheduled an action meeting on April 12, 2017, to vote by resolution. Now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Education denies Spacious Skies Charter School's request for the Board to relinquish its Exclusive Chartering Authority. If Spacious Skies seeks to establish and operate a charter school in the District, it may apply directly to the District to become a District-authorized charter school in the next standard charter application cycle.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2017.

COLORADO SPRINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 11


LuAnn Long
President, Board of Education

Attested By:



Doris Hensley
Secretary to the Board of Education