

RESOLUTION 2016-21
Approving the Renewal Application
from
CIVA Charter School
January 27, 2016

Whereas, the Board of Education (Board) of Colorado Springs School District 11 (District) had previously renewed CIVA Charter School (CIVA) for a five year term ending June 30, 2016;

Whereas, on October 30, 2015, the Board received a charter school renewal application from CIVA;

Whereas, the CIVA renewal application was reviewed by the District Administrative evaluation team in accordance with District Policy LBD-R;

Whereas, the CIVA renewal application received was well developed and integrated their mission and vision statements in their educational goals, objectives, and curriculum/instructional program for Grades 9-12; the application was complete and congruent, with substantial evidence of support;

Whereas, CIVA is a charter school in their nineteenth year;

Whereas, on October 14, 2015, the District performed an on-site High Stakes Visit evaluating against the following five questions: (1) Is the school faithful to the terms of the contract?; (2) Is the school faithful to its stated mission, goals, and objectives?; (3) Is the academic program a success at the school?; (4) Is the school a viable organization?; and (5) Does the school recognize where growth is most essential?;

Whereas, the High Stakes Visit reflects positive outcomes to the above five questions;

Whereas, the High Stakes Visit report provided to CIVA reflects the following significant findings: (1) The School Performance Framework (SPF) indicates an upward trend; (2) The staff has as their highest priority the meeting of the needs of students on a personalized level; (3) The administrative team demonstrated a commitment for continuous improvement at CIVA; (4) The staff makes a genuine effort to build respectful relationships with students; (5) Small class size affects the opportunity to address and support individual needs; (6) The governing board has developed and adopted policies that ensure financial health and a strong system for the timely, tracking, and recording of all financial data; (7) The governing board is stable and has developed a strategic plan; (8) CIVA has a stable, listening leader; (9) The staff is dedicated to the Quantum Learning model, and they have honed the interdisciplinary process of the arts and the academics so that they complement one another and add value to student learning; and (10) Students support one another in character and academic growth.;

Whereas, the CIVA application includes a well-defined five year strategic plan based on an assessment of students and the school community's needs and the corresponding goals, objectives and pupil performance standards performance evaluations and staff development to support the strategic plan;

Whereas, the District's Administrative Evaluation Team completed the application evaluation findings and prepared their final report;

Whereas, the Board scheduled a non-action meeting/public hearing on January 13, 2016 at which representatives of CIVA made a presentation to the Board, the District Administrative Team gave their findings of the on-site High Stakes Visit and the evaluation of the application, both received questions from the Board, and the public was allowed to be heard;

Whereas, the Charter School Act requires the Board to rule by resolution on the charter school renewal application no later than February 1 of the year in which the charter expires;

Whereas, the District's Board has considered CIVA application and additional information provided by CIVA, the Charter School Act, District policies and regulations, the High Stakes Visit report, waiver requests, and the evaluation findings of the renewal application prepared by the District Administrative Team; and

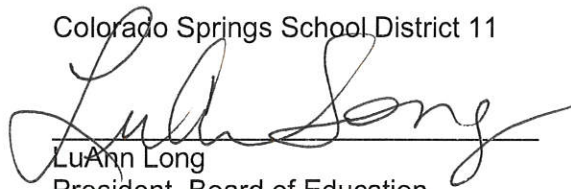
Whereas, the Board scheduled an action meeting on January 27, 2016 to vote by resolution. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board that the CIVA renewal application is approved to continue operations in the Fall of 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year, and maintain school operations for five (5) additional years, through June 30, 2021, subject to successful negotiations of contract terms and conditions.

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2016.



Colorado Springs School District 11


LuAnn Long
President, Board of Education

Attest By:


Doris Hensley
Secretary to the Board of Education