



Hillsboro School District 1J

January 27, 2015
Board Meeting

Board of Directors

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HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, OR

Board Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2015
8:30 PM

1. Call to Order, Welcome
Presenter: Kim Strelchun
2. Approval of Agenda
Presenter: Kim Strelchun
3. Public Input
Presenter: Kim Strelchun
4. Adjourn
Presenter: Kim Strelchun

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J
January 27, 2015
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING –
CITY VIEW CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL REQUEST

SITUATION

District Policy LBE-AR: Public Charter Schools and ORS 338.065 require that a public hearing be conducted within 45 days of receiving a written renewal request from a public charter school governing body, and that the length of the charter school renewal shall be a minimum of five years.

On December 17, 2014, the City View Charter School Board of Directors submitted a letter to the District, requesting a ten-year renewal of its existing charter. The Board discussed the renewal request during the January 13, 2015, work session, and will conduct the public hearing on January 27, 2015. Following the public hearing, the District has 30 days to approve the charter renewal or state in writing the reasons for denying the renewal request. If the Board approves the charter renewal, the Board and the public charter school shall negotiate a new charter within 90 days, unless the Board and the public charter school agree to an extension of the time period.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Directors hold a public hearing and invite public comment on the City View Charter School renewal request.



City View Charter School

A School of Expeditionary Learning
www.cityviewcharter.org

December 17, 2014

Kim Strelchun
Chair, Hillsboro School District Board of Directors
3083 N.E. 49th Place
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Ms. Strelchun

As provided by ORS 338.065 and in accordance with our current charter agreement, the City View Charter School Board of Directors and school community is requesting a 10 year renewal of its charter.

In addition to the charter renewal request I wish to inform you of our intention to request and negotiate an increase in the City View enrollment cap to 432 students and an increase of our percentage of SSF to 90%.

We look forward to working with you and the Hillsboro School District Board as we go through the charter renewal process.

Sincerely,

Mark Needham
Board President
City View Charter School

Investing in our Future

City View Charter School was established in September 2004 by local parents with the intention of providing the Hillsboro School District with opportunities to innovate and to expand its avenues for childhood education and enrichment. The focus of the school was in keeping with ORS 338.015: "It is the intent of this chapter that new types of schools, called public charter schools, be created as a legitimate avenue for parents, educators and community members to take responsible risks to create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating children within the public school system. It is the intent that public charter schools may serve as models and catalysts for the improvement of other public schools and the public school system."

Over the last ten years City View has held true to its mission as a learning community of students, teachers, and parents who practice collaboration, lifelong learning, critical thinking and service to the community to nurture our curiosity, character and creativity – especially that of our students – by applying the philosophy and practices of Expeditionary Learning.

City View is an organic Hillsboro School District publicly-chartered, local non-profit school. We are not a for-profit franchise but are affiliated with Expeditionary Learning (EL), a nation-wide school improvement organization. Expeditionary Learning is a network of over 160 schools across the country. EL is a leader in the move to National Common Core Standards. It's unique activity based learning model is well suited to proficiency based instruction. City View has a flexible and nimble approach to meeting student and family needs such as special needs students, former home schooling families.

We have grown from our initial population of 60 students to 192, 24 students per class K-6, and a combined classroom of 7th & 8th graders. Our charter currently allows for 216 students and we are looking at opportunities to reconfigure our existing facility for one additional classroom to serve that number. We would like to expand and to provide the innovative educational opportunities provided by Expeditionary Learning to a larger number of Hillsboro students. Our strategic plan calls for enrollment growth to 432 students.

Our overall waitlist has seen a steady increase, over 300 children this year. However, the school's Board and Administrative Body know that our current location lacks the facilities we need to expand to our full potential. The size and configuration of the buildings and land, matched with current lease renegotiations, impede our ability to develop fully. We would like to see our school grow in proportion to the growth of the general school district. In addition to the requested enrollment increase City View is requesting an additional percentage increase of SSF funding to 90%.

ODE Charter School Rate Through HSD to City View is \$6823 per student	
Current 80% per student	\$5,458 to City View
At 85%	\$5,800
At 90%	\$6,141

Total Yearly SSF through HSD to City View			
% of SSF	SSF Amount	Amount of Increase	% of HSD Budget*
Total for year at 80%	\$1,074,814		0.560%
Total for year at 85%	\$1,138,578	\$63,764	0.594%
Total for year at 90%	\$1,202,342	\$127,529	0.627%
*HSD 2014-15 Board Approved Budget, General (Operational) Revenue Estimate			

With an increase in our school size and increase in funding we could begin to develop or expand the types of activities and facilities we need to thrive. These include a Physical Education Program with indoor and outdoor facilities, a Lunch Program with a kitchen to provide economically disadvantaged students free or reduced fee hot meals and dedicated small group work spaces for increased differentiation of instruction for special needs students.

The increase in SSF will help bridge the salary gap between HSD employees and City View employees in addition. Our strategic plan calls for measures to facilitate higher teacher retention rates. Bringing salary more in line with district will create a “like pay for like work” system.

2014-15 Licensed Staff	14-15 Wages at CV	14-15 Wages at HSD	Variance	
5 teachers with BA Education	\$170,905	\$227,372	\$56,467	
8 Teachers with MA Education	\$260,846	\$313,845	\$53,000	
			\$109,467	Total Wage Variance
			\$22,376	20.29% - 22.29% PERS
			\$10,947	Taxes on Total Wages
			\$142,790	Total cost to bring 13 teachers to HSD levels.

When our state legislature put the charter school bill into motion the intent was to give districts more flexibility to expand and explore diverse possibilities for educating and guiding our children. Because we live in a dynamic and ever evolving world it is our duty to maintain an education environment able to adjust to the demands. City View is a well-established institution with immeasurable value. Its flexibility is a testament to the ideology of Public Charter Schools. In the past five years City View has matured to the point where we are ready for the next step in our evolution and can continue on our trajectory of positive impact to the Hillsboro School District. It is our goal to be a more substantial part of the Hillsboro education community.

This is an excellent time to address HSD community calls to action for positive alternative educational models. Options programs are forming in various HSD schools. Why not expand an existing program that has proven to be successful?