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July 22, 2020

Mr. Greg Harrison
Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School
100 W. Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Section 1002.33(6)(b)3.a, Florida Statutes, states,

A sponsor shall by a majority vote approve or deny an application no later than 90 calendar days after the application is received, unless the sponsor and the applicant mutually agree in writing to temporarily postpone the vote to a specific date, at which time the sponsor shall by a majority vote approve or deny the application.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of The School Board of Broward County, Florida's action regarding the charter school application your organization submitted for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida approved the charter school application for Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School, at its School Board Operational Meeting on July 21, 2020, Agenda Item L-5.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, within 30 days after the approval of the application, The School Board of Broward County, Florida will provide your organization with an initial proposed charter contract for your school. At that time, you will receive further information regarding the charter agreement contractual process and a proposed timeline.

Should any further information be needed, please contact Donté Fulton-Collins, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support Department at 754-321-2135.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie

RWR/LMB/DFC/RS:ac
Attachments

C: Leslie M. Brown, Chief Portfolio Services Officer
Donté Fulton-Collins, Director, Charter Schools Management/Support Department
Brenda Santiago, Coordinator, Charter Schools Management/Support Department
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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ITEM No.:

L-5.

MEETING DATE

2020-07-21 10:05 - Regular School Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM

ITEMS

CATEGORY

L. OFFICE OF PORTFOLIO SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

Charter Schools/Management Support

Special Order Request

☐ Yes

☒ No

Time

Open Agenda

☐ Yes

☒ No

TITLE:

Charter Application Approval - Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the application for Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School, to open a charter school serving grades K-8 for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the Superintendent to issue a notice of approval. Subsequent School Board approval shall be required prior to the signing of a written charter school agreement establishing the operation of the charter school.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, authorizes the submission of applications for a new charter school.

A copy of all supporting documents are available at the Charter Schools Management/Support Department on the 12th floor of the K.C.W. Administration Center.

A copy of all supporting documents are available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda.

See Supporting Docs for continuation of Summary Explanation and Background.

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the Office of the General Counsel.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

☒ Goal 1: High Quality Instruction ☒ Goal 2: Safe & Supportive Environment ☒ Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)

(1) Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background (2) Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School ES (3) Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School Approval Letter (4) Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School Application -ONLINE

BOARD ACTION:

(For Official School Board Records Office Only)

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Name: Donté Fulton-Collins

Phone: 754-321-2135

Name:

Phone:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Senior Leader & Title

Leslie M. Brown - Chief Portfolio Services Officer

Signature

Electronic Signature

Form #4189 Revised 07/25/2019

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Approved In Open
Board Meeting On: _____

By: _____

School Board Chair

Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background:

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, authorizes the submission of applications for a new charter school. Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School, submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2021-2022 school year. The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application for Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School. The committee is comprised of representatives from Academics/Curriculum, Budget, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS), Facilities, District Administration, and other areas of the organization. Utilizing the Model Florida Charter School Application evaluation criteria, the Committee reviewed the application in detail.

Based on the review, the application is recommended for approval. The mission and academic design of the application meets the minimum requirements of state law and state standards. The school shall open their first year as a K-3 and 6 grades public charter school, serving a total of 380 students. The maximum enrollment capacity of the school is 910. The final updated budget and insurance documents will be required prior to approval of the charter school agreement. The charter agreement shall address any issues identified by District staff which require revision or further explanation. The charter school has adopted the same 180-day student calendar in place for the Broward County Public School System.

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Executive Summary

Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School

Questions and Answers

- Who can apply for a charter?

Pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, a charter application may be made by an individual, teachers, parents, a group of individuals, a municipality, or a legal entity organized under the laws of this state.

- Who reviews charter applications and when are they due?

Charter school applications are due on or before February 1 of each calendar year for charter schools to be opened at the beginning of the school district's next academic year. Applications received in a timely manner are evaluated by the Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee which is comprised of representatives from Academics/Curriculum, Budget, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS), Facilities, District Administration, and other areas of the organization.

- What requirements must a charter applicant meet for approval?

Charter school applications are subject to the following requirements:

(a) A person or entity wishing to open a charter school shall prepare and submit an application on a model application form prepared by the Department of Education which:

1. Demonstrates how the school will use the guiding principles and meet the statutorily defined purpose of a charter school.
2. Provides a detailed curriculum plan in accordance with Section 1002.33(6)(a)(2), Florida Statutes.
3. Contains goals and objectives for improving student learning and measuring that improvement. These goals and objectives must indicate how much academic improvement students are expected to show each year, how success will be evaluated, and the specific results to be attained through instruction.
4. Describes the reading curriculum and differentiated strategies that will be used for students reading at grade level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students who are reading below grade level. A sponsor shall deny a charter if the school does not propose a reading curriculum that is consistent with effective teaching strategies that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.
5. Contains an annual financial plan for each year requested by the charter for the operation of the school for up to 5 years. This plan must contain anticipated fund balances based on revenue projections, a spending plan based on projected revenues and expenses, and a description of controls that will safeguard finances and projected enrollment trends.

- Can a for-profit organization operate a charter school?

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(12)(i), Florida Statutes, A charter school shall organize as, or be operated by, a nonprofit organization. A charter school may be operated by a municipality or by other public entity as provided for by law. As such, the charter school may be either a public or private employer. As a public employer, a charter may participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS), upon application and approval as a “covered group” under Section 121.021(34), Florida Statutes. If a charter school participates in the FRS, the charter school employees shall be compulsory members of the FRS. As either a private or a public employer, a charter school may contract for services with an individual or group of individuals who are organized as a partnership or a cooperative. Individuals or groups of individuals who contract their services to the charter school are not public employees.

Special Note: Contracted services can be from a for-profit or a not-for-profit company.

- Are charter schools required to disclose their status as a public or private employer at the time of application?

Charter applicants are not required to disclose the governance structure of the school, including the status of the charter school as a public or private employer until contract approval.

- Are charter schools required to identify facilities or location of the charter school at the time of application?

Charter applicants are not required to identify the facilities or location of the charter school at the time of application, however this information is required at the time of contract approval and will be presented to The School Board of Broward County, Florida, as an upcoming Board Item between March and June of 2021.

Staff Recommendation:

The charter school application for Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School was reviewed by the Superintendent’s Charter School Review Committee and, having met statutory requirements, is recommended for approval.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to notify Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School of the approval of the charter application. A draft letter notifying the applicant of this decision is attached (Exhibit 4).

The governing board members of Pompano Beach Municipal Charter School reside in Broward County, Florida.