
AGENDA ITEM: Good Cause Extension Request – Ball Charter Schools (Westside)**Issue**

Ball Charter Schools (Westside) was granted a charter on November 27, 2007 to serve grades K-8. As part of the application, the applicant agrees and signs a statement acknowledging that the charter must execute the charter contract within twelve months of the date of approval. On November 21, 2008, the Board granted Ball Charter Schools (Westside) a Good Cause Extension until November 27, 2009.

As a condition to signing the charter contract, the charter must provide proof of a secured facility. Due to difficulty finding an appropriate facility, Ball Charter Schools (Westside) is requesting another Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract to begin providing services for the 2011-2012 school year.

If the Board approves the extension of the execution of the charter contract or an extension of the opening of the charter school, Board staff shall review the charter holder's approved application and the current application administrative checklist to determine whether additions or substantive changes are necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law. The holder must submit the requested changes to the Board staff 90 days prior to the opening of the school. State aid funding will not initiate until the Board staff have determined that the requested submission is complete and sufficient and all other requirements of the Board have been fulfilled.

[Policy Statement for a Good Cause Extension to the Charter Contract](#)

Communications with School

On September 16, 2009, the Board received the request for a [Good Cause Extension for Ball Charter Schools \(Westside\)](#).

Board Options

1. If the Board determines that the extension should be granted, the motion should include the length of time for the extension to sign the charter and a requirement that the approved applicant submit any documentation necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract.
2. Approve the Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract for Ball Charter Schools (Westside) until November 1, 2010 with a planned opening date of Fall 2011 and that the applicant submit any documentation necessary to bring the application current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract.
3. Deny the request for a Good Cause Extension. If the request is denied, the charter has the option to reapply for a charter through the application process.

Staff Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is option 2 above.