
AGENDA ITEM: Good Cause Extension Request – Verde Secondary Academy Public Charter High School

Issue

Verde Secondary Academy Public Charter High School was granted a charter on January 12, 2009 to serve grades 9-12. 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.

As a condition to signing the charter contract, the charter must provide proof of a secured facility. Due to continuing negotiations to purchase a selected parcel of land, Verde Secondary Academy Public Charter High School is requesting a 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 signing and 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 November 6, 2009, the Board received the request for a [Good Cause Extension for Verde Secondary Academy Public Charter High School](#).

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 Verde Secondary Academy Public Charter High School until June 1, 2011 with a planned opening date of Fall 2011-2012 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.