

AGENDA ITEM: Happy Valley School, Inc. (Happy Valley School East)– Request for a Good Cause Extension

Issue

Happy Valley School, Inc. is requesting a Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of their approved charter replication application, due to expire on January 10, 2012. They needed more time to locate a site, and plan to begin providing services for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Background

Happy Valley School, Inc. was granted a charter on January 10, 2011 to serve grades K - 6 through the Replication Application process for the replication of Happy Valley School. The application package included a start date of August 2011. As part of the replication application package, the applicant agrees and signs a statement acknowledging that the approved applicant must execute the charter contract within twelve (12) months of the date of approval. As a condition to signing the charter contract, the approved applicant must provide proof of a secured facility.

On December 2, 2011, Board staff sent a letter to Glen Gaddie, authorized representative of Happy Valley School, Inc., informing the applicant that the charter replication application for Happy Valley School East would expire on January 10, 2012. The letter also reminded the approved applicant that, as part of the application, the authorized representative signed a statement acknowledging that if approved to operate a charter school, the contract must be executed within twelve months of the date of approval by the Board and that a one-time good cause extension request could be submitted within two months of the charter's expiration.

On January 10, 2012, Board staff received a letter from Mr. Glen Gaddie with a request for a Good Cause Extension. The letter stated that they had recently acquired a site on the Southeast corner of Ironwood and Westbrooke in Pinal County. They anticipate the start date to be August 27, 2012. Happy Valley School, Inc. is requesting a Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract to begin providing services for the 2012-13 school year.

Board Options:

Option 1: The Board may approve the Good Cause Extension. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract for Happy Valley School, Inc. such that the contract is executed in time for the 2012-13 school year. Further that, as a condition of signing, the approved applicant shall submit any documentation necessary to bring the replication application package current with policy, rule, state or federal law at least 90 days prior to the signing of the contract. Should the approved applicant not meet the replication application requirements at the time set for the signing of the contract, the matter must be brought back to the Board prior to the execution of a charter contract.

Option 2: The Board may deny the request for a Good Cause Extension. The following language is provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board deny the request for a Good Cause Extension to the signing and execution of the charter contract for Happy Valley School, Inc. If the request is denied, Happy Valley School, Inc. has the option to reapply for a charter through the replication process.