AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date	Open Agenda	Time Certain Request	Agenda Item Number
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TITLE:

Charter Application Approval – Imagine – West Broward, Inc. (Imagine Middle School – West Campus)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the application for Imagine – West Broward, Inc. to open a charter school serving grades 6-8 for the 2011-2012, school year. Subsequent School Board approval shall be required prior to the signing of a written charter school agreement (contract) establishing the operation of the charter school.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Section 1002.33, Florida authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida. An application for a new charter school may be submitted by an individual, teachers, parents, a group of individuals, a municipality or a legal entity organized under the laws of this state. Imagine – West Broward, Inc. submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2011-2012 school year. A district school board may sponsor a charter school in the county over which the board has jurisdiction. The district school board shall receive and review all applications for a charter school.

The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application from Imagine – West Broward, Inc. The committee is comprised of representatives from curriculum, budget, facilities, district administration, transportation, Exceptional Student Education, ESOL and other areas of the organization. Utilizing the Model Florida Charter School application format, the committee reviewed the application in detail.

Based on our 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 as a public charter school serving a total of 132 students, grades 6-8. The maximum capacity of the school will be 396 students. The school will be organized as a private employer. As a private employer, the school's employees will not participate in the Florida Retirement System. 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.

A copy of the full application is available at the Board Members' Office on the 14th Floor of KC Wright building.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

X •Goal One:	Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education.
__•Goal Two:	Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel.
X_•Goal Three:	Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees.
X •Goal Four:	Promote innovation which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position.
__•Goal Five:	Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel.
__•Goal Six:	Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level.
__•Goal Seven:	Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)

Charter School Application – Imagine – West Broward, Inc. (Imagine Middle School – West Campus)

BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED

(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)

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School Board Chair

By:

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