AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date	Open Agenda	Special Order Request	Agenda Item Number
10/1/13	___Yes _X_ No	___Yes _X_ No	L-1

TITLE:

Charter Application Approval - AEALAS Foundation, (Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts, and Sciences)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the application for AEALAS Foundation, (Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts, and Sciences), to open a charter school serving grades K-5 for the 2014-2015 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 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. AEALAS Foundation, submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2014-2015 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 AEALAS Foundation. The committee is comprised of representatives from Instruction and Intervention, Budget, Facilities, District Administration, Student Transportation and Fleet Services, Exceptional Student Education and Support Services, English for Speakers of Other Languages (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 their first year as a grades K-5 public charter school, serving a total of 536 students. The maximum enrollment capacity of the school will be 536 students. 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 all supporting documents is available at the Charter Schools Support office on the 12th floor of the K.C.W. Administration Center.

A copy of all supporting documents is available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda at: http://eagenda3.broward.k12.fl.us/cgi-bin/WebObjects/eAgenda.

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

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

X •Goal 1: High Quality Instruction
X •Goal 2: Continuous Improvement
X •Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)

- Executive Summary
- AEALAS Foundation, application
- Draft letter of approval

BOARD ACTION:

APPROVED

(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)

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By: Laurie Rich Levinson School Board Chair

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