

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION**

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

A meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on November 21, 2013 in the Auditorium of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 5:38 p.m. by Dr. William Hite, Jr., Secretary of the School Reform Commission.

Members present: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Members absent: 0

Michael A. Davis, General Counsel, announced that prior to today's public meeting, the School Reform Commission met in Executive Sessions on November 18, 2013 to discuss labor relations, personnel matters and litigation, and today, to discuss real estate purchases, labor relations, litigation, and personnel matters.

Dr. Hite asked for a motion to elect the Chairman Pro Tem Dr. Wendell Pritchett for tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Houstoun and seconded by Commissioner Simms. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Mr. Davis confirmed that the motion to election Chairman Pro Tem Dr. Wendell Pritchett is limited to and for the purpose of today's meeting only.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Dr. Pritchett reiterated that his serving as Chairman Pro Tem is for today's meeting only and will end at the conclusion of the meeting. He stated that the Governor is responsible for appointing the Chairman of the School Reform Commission, which has not been done yet.

The minutes of the following School Reform Commission meetings were approved: September 23, 2013 and September 23, 2013 (*Intermediate Unit*). In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Mr. Davis confirmed that the minutes had been amended to reflect "work papers issue".

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Dr. Pritchett announced that the start time for the December 19, 2013 meeting has been changed to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Hite provided opening remarks. He commended Edison High School students for the High School Selection Promo video that was shown prior to the start of today's meeting. He also stated that the high school admissions applications are due December 6, 2013. Details of the application process are available on the School District's website. Dr. Hite stated that approximately 5,000 people attended the Philly High School Fair held November 16, 2013. Representatives from 90 schools were present. He extended thanks to the organizers and community partners. Dr. Hite stated that schools and administrative offices will be closed November 28-29, 2013 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Office Depot Seniors of the Month were awarded to Lea Mull, Frankford High School and Gregory Winter, Central High School. Dr. Hite introduced a video presentation which highlighted both recipients.

Fernando Gallard, Office of Communications, provided the order of business for today's meeting of the School Reform Commission. He also stated that the proceedings of today's School Reform Commission meeting are being broadcast live on television and streamed live on the internet. Mr. Gallard stated that the School District's recordings are protected by the copyright laws of the United States.

Dr. Hite introduced the Teacher of the Month award presented to Jennifer DePalo, 3rd grade teacher at Elkin Elementary School. Students can nominate their favorite teacher by writing an essay or submitting a video. Dr. Hite introduced student Alexaine Nigrón's nominating video.

The awards for the winners of the Bullying Awareness Poster Contest were presented to Allistair Evans, 1st grade, J. H. Brown Elementary School; Sophia Ross, 5th grade, J. H. Brown Elementary School; and Angel Fletcher, W. B. Saul High School.

The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements.

Nadia Watson, student at Kensington Business High School and member of Youth United for Change, requested improvement in pre-plated school food meals. She stated that the food is unappealing. Nadia offered

several recommendations including the RFP to require 75% non-frozen, fresh pre-plated food, elimination of par-fried food, shorter contract time for pre-plated meals, requirement that Maramont, the current pre-plated provider, to get its food tested for bacteria, and for the School District to make quality, fresh, healthy food a priority. In response to Commissioner Simms' question about how much food is wasted, Nadia stated that most food is thrown away. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky's question about shortened contract periods, Nadia stated that different companies should have an opportunity to be food providers. Wayne Gresela, Senior Vice President of Food Services, provided an update on activities. He stated that while working with partners for the past several months, a series of recommendations have been developed that address increasing competition, increasing food quality, increasing value, and supporting quality. Mr. Gresela stated that a report has been provided to the School Reform Commission. He stated that the report also contains information on changes to the RFP process. In response to Dr. Hite, Mr. Gresela stated that he is not sure how to include students in the evaluation process, but will work with General Counsel and Procurement. He stated that he would like to involve students in taste testing.

Orlando Acosta, parent, suggested that School District partners should be providing financial support to schools.

Gerald Thompson, Project Manager for Carolina Plumbing and Heating, expressed concerns about the bidding process. He requested clarification on how the contract is structured. Mr. Thompson stated that he was called for an emergency plumbing job, but was later told that the job was given to another company. He also stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the District tomorrow and that he will provide the results of the meeting to Dr. Hite. Dr. Pritchett requested the report be provided to the School Reform Commission. Mr. Thompson also expressed concerns about his daughter being picked up late by the school bus. He was referred to Fran Burns, Chief Operating Officer, for follow up.

Brian Johnson, parent, requested support of a plan to purchase the Shaw Middle School building for use by Mastery Hardy Williams School to house both the elementary and high school.

The following individuals expressed support of renewal of Laboratory Charter School of Communication and Languages:

- Richard Weiss, parent
- Tiffany Farrell, parent of a 7th grade student
- Davion Ferrell, 10th grade student

Dr. Hite stated that the District is committed to bringing a recommendation to the SRC, however, the resolution was withdrawn this evening due to the receipt of additional information that requires research and analysis.

Susan Gobreski, Executive Director of Education Voters of Pennsylvania, expressed concerns about Common/Universal Enrollment. Ms. Grobreski stated that there needs to be public transparent conversation. Dr. Hite stated that www.phillyschoolsapp.org was released by an external party. He stated that the District is involved in the work as a member of the Compact. Dr. Hite stated that at some point there should be a public presentation about the work and what the District's involvement is and the timeline for any participation of the School District. He stated that at the moment the District is not a part of that process.

Michelle Grace, citing her experience as a running back at the now closed Germantown, talked about the successes of the merged Germantown High/M.L. King High student athletes. Dr. Hite thanked the leadership at M. L. King High School and congratulated the school for winning the first City Championship in football.

Stephanie Tuleya, parent, expressed concerns over the loss of two teachers at Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School due to leveling. She stated that a split grade class was created for eight 3rd graders and twenty-four 4th graders. Ms. Tuleya stated that there is no plan by the District to meet the students' academic needs. Dr. Pritchett confirmed that Ms. Tuleya has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Hite. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Dr. Hite stated that through leveling the District was able to reduce split grade classes from 100 to 50. He stated that the problem now is that there are some schools with split grade classes that did not have them. Dr. Hite shared additional information that the number has been reduced to twenty. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Dr. Hite stated that the District's desire is to eliminate all split grade classes. In response to Lori Shorr, City Education Secretary, Dr. Hite stated that the difference in split grade classes in private schools and in the District is that split grade classes occur in the District out of necessity and is not planned.

Jamie Bracey introduced national award winners who represented Philadelphia in the 2013 National Math Engineering & Science Achievement Bio-Engineering Competition in Portland, Oregon. The winning teams were from George Washington Carver High School for Engineering and Sciences and Harambee Institute of Science & Technology Charter School.

Rebecca Poyourow expressed concerns about a split grade classroom at Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School. She stated that students are being disserved. Ms. Poyourow stated that this occurred two months into the school year with no opportunity for planning.

Mama Gail expressed concerns about alleged carbon monoxide poisoning of her husband, stating that he deserves better. She stated that she wants her husband's case settled. He was incapacitated for a year.

George Smith, parent, expressed concerns about funding for the School District.

Tawanna Hall, President of the Board of Trustees of Laboratory Charter School of Communications and Languages, stated that the Board of Trustees is committed to the excellence of their children's education. She stated that as a Board Member and parent, the parents of Laboratory Charter School will not allow unethical and illegal practices to take place at the school ever again.

Commissioner Dworetzky requested statistics on guidance counselor coverage which he has previously requested.

Ruth Garcia stated that the School District of Philadelphia needs an equal funding formula for all students to receive an equal education. She stated that schools without school counselors are forced to share a counselor, creating caseloads of over the recommended ratio of 250 to 1. Ms Garcia described caseloads of over 1,000 students to one counselor. In response to Dr. Pritchett, Dr. Hite stated that in early November, 80 counselor positions were restored and reassigned 16 itinerant counselors. He stated that the District now has 220 counselors serving 212 schools. The District's overall student to counselor ratio is 1 counselor to every 595 students. He stated that there are 17 schools with more than 1 counselor, 7 of which are Promise Academies. There are 40 elementary and middle schools that are paired, and each pair is sharing a counselor. The student to counselor ratio for these schools is 1 counselor to 850 students. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Dr. Hite stated that he did not have the comparable number from last year for the 1 to 595 ratio, but that he would provide the information later.

Dr. Hite read the following statement: "It has been brought to our attention that individuals appointed to positions within the School District due to a reporting error were omitted from personnel resolutions presented to the School Reform Commission for consideration. It appears that this problem began several years ago. We have asked the General Counsel to review this matter fully and report back on action to address this issue before our next regularly scheduled meeting."

The following resolutions were presented for formal action by the School Reform Commission:

Dr. Pritchett noted that the student expulsion resolutions SRC-1 through SRC-13 have been tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**I. SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION
SRC-1 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)**

Proposed Student Expulsion – K. C.

RESOLVED, that the request of the School District of Philadelphia to expel Student K.C. is hereby denied, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student, K.C. not return to the school where the incidence took place, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student K.C.'s permanent record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-2 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – A. E.

RESOLVED, that Student A.E. shall be expelled from the School District of Philadelphia from September 23, 2013 until the end of the 2013 – 2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student A.E. shall not be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student A.E.'s permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-3 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – M. G.

RESOLVED, that Student M.G. shall be **temporarily expelled** from the School District of Philadelphia effective September 30, 2013 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year, and be it

FURTHER, RESOLVED, that Student M.G. **shall not** be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place or be placed with the victim after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student M.G.'s permanent record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-4 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – A. I-S.

RESOLVED, that Student A.I-S. shall be expelled from the School District of Philadelphia from October 2, 2013 until the end of the 2013 – 2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student A.I-S. shall not be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student A.I-S.'s permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-5 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – J. J.

RESOLVED, that Student J.J. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia, effective October 16, 2013, and last for one year upon his return to the Philadelphia School District, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student J.J. *shall not* be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student J.J. *shall not* be permitted to return to the school where the victim attends after the period of expulsion, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student J.J.'s permanent school record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-6 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – T. J.

RESOLVED, that Student T.J. shall be expelled from the School District of Philadelphia from October 2, 2013 until the end of the 2013 – 2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student T.J. shall not be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student T.J.'s permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-7 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – S. M.

RESOLVED, that Student S.M. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia, effective November 21, 2013, and last until the end of the 2013-2014 School Year, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student S.M.'s permanent school record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-8 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – N. M.

RESOLVED, that Student N.M. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia, effective November 21, 2013, and last until the end of the 2013-2014 School Year, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student N.M.'s permanent school record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-9 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – K. N.

RESOLVED, that the request of the School District of Philadelphia to expel Student K.N. is hereby denied, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student K.N. not return to the school where the incident took place.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student K.N.'s permanent record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-10 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – N. R.

RESOLVED, that Student N.R. shall be expelled from the School District of Philadelphia from September 23, 2013 until the end of the 2013 – 2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student N.R. shall not be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student N.R.'s permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-11 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – R. S.

RESOLVED, Student R.S. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia beginning October 10, 2013 until the end of the 2013-2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student R.S.' permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-12 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – S. S.

RESOLVED, that Student S.S. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia effective October 8, 2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and be it

FURTHER, RESOLVED, that Student S.S. **shall not** be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student S.S.'s permanent record, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the school and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-13 (TABLED – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Student Expulsion – W. W.

RESOLVED, that Student W.W. shall be *temporarily expelled* from the School District of Philadelphia from October 2, 2013 until the end of the 2013 – 2014 School Year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student W.W. **shall not** be permitted to return to the school where the incident took place after the period of expulsion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall be made a part of Student W.W.'s permanent record; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on file with the School and the minutes of the School Reform Commission be adopted.

SRC-14*

Official School File: Grade Organization and Grade Changes (Part 3)

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby approves The School District of Philadelphia's additional school grade changes and grade organizations for the 2013-2014 school year, as set forth on the official School District school list attached hereto as Exhibit A-Part 3 and made a part hereof.

Description: This resolution with its accompanying Appendix will serve as an addition to the official record for The School District of Philadelphia with respect to new schools, closures, and grade changes for SY 2013-2014. The main portion of the official record was voted on at the School Reform Commission meetings on June 19, 2013 and July 26, 2013.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Bi Vuong, confirmed that there are no substantive changes that change boundaries, catchment areas, or authorized enrollments.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

**Exhibit A is on file with the minutes of the School Reform Commission.*

SRC-15

Proposed Amendment of Charter – People for People Charter School

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter School Law, 24 Pa. C.S.A. § 17-1701-A, *et seq.*, the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia (“School District”) granted a charter (“Charter”) to the Board of Trustees of **PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE CHARTER SCHOOL** (“Charter School”) to operate a charter school in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the School Reform Commission (“SRC”) renewed the Charter School’s Charter for five-year terms in 2005 and in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School seeks modification of its Charter; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the Charter School have met to discuss certain terms and conditions in connection with the modification of the Charter to add a high school within the Charter School’s current maximum enrollment limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to certain terms and conditions in connection with the modification of the Charter to add a high school within the Charter School’s current maximum enrollment limitation and has submitted an amendment to charter agreement signed by the Charter School (“Charter Amendment”) to the School District setting forth the agreed terms and conditions of modification; and

WHEREAS, School District staff have recommended to the SRC that the SRC modify the Charter School’s Charter based on the terms and conditions in the Charter School’s Charter Amendment; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter School has agreed that during the remainder of the term of the Charter the Charter School will enroll students in grades K through 12 with a maximum of 540 students during the term of the Charter and any renewal thereof, unless the parties agree in writing to other terms. Under no circumstances will the Charter School request payment from the School District or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for more students than set forth herein or enroll students in different grades without SRC approval by resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any requests for other amendments to the Charter not addressed in this resolution are deemed denied.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Paul Kihn, Deputy Superintendent, confirmed that the resolution is a proposal to modify the grade configuration to add high school grades, but not adding any additional seats. Mr. Kihn stated that People for People Charter School was up for renewal in 2010 which was at the time a K-8 grade configuration. A modification application was submitted with the renewal application, which at the time requested additional seats as well as this grade configuration change to include the high school grades. Mr. Kihn stated that an agreement was not reached around the terms of the enrollment limit. He stated that on October 16, 2013 a letter was sent to every charter operator that did not have a valid signed charter. As a result, representatives from the Charter School met with the District and agreed to sign a valid charter without an enrollment expansion, and requested that the District consider the grade configuration modification. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Mr. Kihn stated that he did not know whether the District would have approved the charter if it did not have the additional seats request. Factors considered by the District included capacity, ability and capability to operate a successful high school program, as well as enrollment projects and overall performance which is at or above the District average. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky’s question regarding the timeliness of considering modification of grade configurations of charters, Mr. Kihn stated that in the case of schools that do not have a signed charter, the District is involved in ongoing discussions and as resolution is reached, he feels that it is appropriate to bring them to the SRC. In terms of general modification requests from schools that currently have signed charters, Mr. Kihn stated that the District as not opened to that process. Mr. Kihn responded affirmatively to Commissioner Dworetzky’s assertion that modification requests are only timely at the time of renewal or for certain high quality schools there is an opportunity to seek modifications in the middle of the 3rd year. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that he is struggling with a charter school that properly signs a charter agreement and it wouldn’t be within our process to consider a grade change at the midterm of their five year charter, but for a charter school that declines to sign its charter and kept operating without it, it becomes timely because they decided to sign the contract as a result of the October 16th letter. Mr. Kihn stated that as the District works with the schools to obtain signed charter agreements, the District has some latitude in considering the terms of the charter agreement. Lauren Thum, Charter Office, clarified that People for People Charter School submitted a modification request last year which was during the third year of their charter cycle, but at that time no grade expansions or seats were given out. The modification request was placed on hold by the District. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Mr. Kihn stated that there are no other charter schools that the District is currently involved with that are making similar requests. He does not feel that the District will be presenting any charters to the SRC within the next month or so. He stated that the urgency in considering People for People Charter School at this time is to allow time for families to plan for next year. Mr. Kihn confirmed Commissioner Dworetzky’s assertion that in order to maintain the enrollment a grade would be added over four years and a smaller kindergarten class would be admitted along natural attrition. Mr. Kihn stated that if the school went over its enrollment cap, the school would not receive payment for those students from the District. He stated that he feels the school’s enrollment plan makes sense. In response to Commissioner Houstoun, Mr. Kihn stated that if the charter school does not receive payment from the District, it has agreed not to request direct pay from PDE, and that will be in writing.

Commissioner Dworetzky stated that he is troubled by doing this modification in mid-stream.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Dr Hite stated that the Administration is withdrawing resolution SRC-16. He stated that while the District has been in negotiations with Laboratory Charter, issues have arisen today that have to be reviewed.

SRC-16 (WITHDRAWN – NO ACTION TAKEN)

Proposed Charter Renewal – Laboratory Charter School of Communication and Languages

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter School Law, 24 Pa. C.S.A. § 17-1701-A, *et seq.*, the School Reform Commission (“SRC”) granted a charter (“Charter”) to the Board of Trustees of LABORATORY CHARTER SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGES (“Charter School”) to operate a charter school commencing in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the SRC renewed the Charter School’s Charter in 2007 for a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School seeks renewal of its Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to certain terms and conditions in connection with the renewal of the Charter and has submitted a charter agreement signed by the Charter School (“Charter Agreement”) to the School District setting forth the agreed terms and conditions of renewal; and

WHEREAS, School District staff have recommended to the SRC that the SRC renew the Charter School’s Charter based on the renewal report for the Charter School and on the terms and conditions of the Charter Agreement signed by the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the SRC has reviewed the Charter School’s request for renewal, the Charter Agreement, the information sought during the renewal process, and the renewal report for the Charter School; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter is RENEWED, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth below, for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2017, effective upon the full execution of the Charter Agreement by the School District and by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Charter School or another member of the Board duly designated by the Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter School shall comply with the following conditions:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Charter School acknowledges and agrees that on July 31, 2013, the Board approved a resolution confirming that the Board: (i) suspended the former Chief Executive Officer of the Charter School on or about July 30, 2012; (ii) appointed an Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Charter School on August 7, 2012; and (iii) has directed that the suspended Chief Executive Officer currently has and will have no involvement with the operations of the Charter School until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC.
2. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on July 31, 2013, the Board approved a resolution confirming that the Board and the Charter School: (i) have terminated all contracts with Dorothy June Brown, with the exception of the pre-existing contract for her past employment with the Charter School, under which she still receives medical benefits; (ii) have not entered into any new contracts with Dorothy June Brown; (iii) will not enter into any new contracts with Dorothy June Brown, with the exception of any new contracts contemplated or authorized by 15 Pa.C.S.C §§ 5741-5750, related to indemnification and the advancement of expenses including attorneys’ fees, until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC; and (iv) will not enter into any new contracts with any corporation, company or business entity with which Dorothy June Brown is associated or in which Dorothy June Brown has an interest, including without limitation, Main Line Academy, with the exception of leases, amendment to leases or renewal leases for the property located at 124 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC.
3. The Board of Trustees agrees to review its obligations to indemnify and to advance expenses including attorneys’ fees under the Bylaws for Dorothy June Brown and the former Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S.C §§ 5741-5750.
4. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on November 26, 2012, the Board approved a resolution requiring that any employee, former employee, trustee or former trustee who is found to have misappropriated charter school funds immediately shall reimburse the Charter School for the full amounts misappropriated and any amounts advanced as legal expenses and shall be terminated from his or her position.
5. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on July 31, 2013, the Board approved a resolution adopting a policy which states that: (i) in the event that any employee or Trustee of the Charter School is charged with a crime or malfeasance by indictment or otherwise related to such person’s duties at the Charter School, the Charter School immediately shall suspend such employee and shall force the resignation of such Trustee until such matters are resolved, (ii) in the event that any employee or Trustee of the Charter School is convicted of any offense or any malfeasance, or pleads guilty or no contest to any offense or any malfeasance, related to such

person's duties at the Charter School, the Charter School immediately shall terminate the employment of such employee and shall force the resignation of such Trustee, shall terminate any consultant or independent contracts with such person, shall terminate all contracts with any corporation, company or business entity with which such person or any of his or her relatives are or were associated or have or had an interest, and shall not enter into any new contracts with such person, or any corporation, company or business entity with which such person or any of his or her relatives are or were associated or have or had an interest; and (iii) any employee or Trustee of the Charter School who is convicted of any offense or any malfeasance, or who pleads guilty or no contest to any offense or any malfeasance, related to such person's duties at the Charter School, shall reimburse the Charter School for the costs of any legal fees paid by the Charter School on such employee's or such Trustee's behalf in the defense of such action. This provision shall be added to all existing and new contracts of the Charter School.

6. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on November 12, 2013, the Board approved a resolution adopting an Internal Controls Policy and that such Policy has been submitted to the School District for approval. The Board of Trustees shall implement such Internal Controls Policy during the term of the Charter.
7. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, directed its independent auditor to provide all independent audits and financial reports directly to the Board of Trustees.
8. The Board of Trustees shall make the Charter School's financial records available to the School District for any and all investigation and review during the term of the Charter and shall allow the School District to audit the financial records and operations of the Charter School at any time during the term of the Charter without prior notice. The Board of Trustees agrees to cooperate with the School District to facilitate any investigation and/or audit of the financial records and operations of the Charter School.
9. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on May 13, 2013, retained a financial management firm to advise the Charter School on the day-to-day financial management of the Charter School.
10. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, formed an Audit/Finance Subcommittee, and such Subcommittee shall be required to meet at least four (4) times during each fiscal year.
11. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, formed an Education Subcommittee, and such Subcommittee shall be required to meet at least four (4) times during each fiscal year.
12. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that all trustees, officers, administrators, and relatives of trustees, officers and administrators of the Charter School comply with the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Act. The Board of Trustees shall adopt a Conflicts of Interest policy that complies with the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Act. The Board of Trustees shall submit a copy of such Conflicts of Interest Policy and any amendments thereto to the School District by November 1st of each year of the Charter Term as evidence that the Charter School adheres to this requirement.
13. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, adopted an "Admissions Procedure" as the official procedure/program for carrying out the Charter School's Admissions Policy, which complies with the Charter School Law and which includes provisions on application deadlines, recruitment communications, lottery dates, and results. The School District annually shall monitor such Admissions Policy and Process to ensure that all students have equitable access to the Charter School during the term of the Charter.
14. The Board of Trustees, by resolution adopted July 31, 2013, amended the Bylaws of the Charter School to provide that: (i) no Board member shall as a private person engage in any business transaction with the Charter School, be employed by the Charter School, or receive from the Charter School pay for service rendered to the Charter School; and (ii) voting on any matters involving a conflict of interest shall be governed by the Ethics Act and the Nonprofit Corporation Law. The Board of Trustees shall comply with the Bylaws during the term of the Charter.
15. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on November 13, 2013, the Board provided to the School District a schedule for Board members to attend mandatory board training programs on various topics, including without limitation, conflicts of interest, code of ethics and the Sunshine Law, provided by an established provider.
16. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November 6, 2013, the Board submitted to the School District signed Statements of Financial Interests for 2011 and 2012 for all then current trustees and administrators of the Charter School, in accordance with the requirements of the Ethics Act and the Charter School Law. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District signed Statements of Financial Interest by June 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter.

17. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District by August 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter as part of the Charter School's Annual Report evidence that 75% of the Charter School's professional staff are certified in accordance with the Charter School Law.
18. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District by August 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter as part of the Charter School's Annual Report evidence that 100% of the Charter School's teachers with primary responsibility for direct instruction in one or more of No Child Left Behind's core academic subjects demonstrate that they satisfy the definition of a "Highly Qualified Teacher".
19. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that all employees have required federal and state criminal and child abuse background checks during the term of the Charter. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that the Board has submitted an affidavit dated November 13, 2013 as evidence the Board has complied with this requirement and that the Board shall submit a signed affidavit to the School District by November 1st of each year of the term of the Charter as evidence that the Charter School has complied with this requirement.
20. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November __, 2013, the Board submitted to the School District proof that all employees of the Charter School are enrolled in the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS") or an alternative federally qualified retirement plan approved by PSERS and shall comply with this requirement and make timely payments to PSERS during the term of the Charter.
21. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved November 12, 2013, adopted supplemental policies for the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer and instructional and professional staff, which the Board has submitted to the School District for approval. The Board of Trustees shall implement such policies during the Term of the Charter.
22. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November 13, 2013, the Board submitted to the School District, for approval, a five-year performance plan with academic and non-academic school-specific goals using formative and summative assessments to identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The School District and the Charter School annually shall monitor and shall revise, if necessary, such five-year performance plan to ensure increased academic achievement for the Charter School's students over the term of the Charter.
23. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, adopted a comprehensive English Language Learning Policy as the official procedure/program for carrying out the Charter School's Limited English Proficiency Policy. Such a plan shall be monitored annually by the School District to ensure that all students requiring services are identified appropriately and are provided such services.
24. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 26, 2012, adopted a comprehensive "Special Education Services and Programs for Students with Disabilities" policy. Such policy shall be monitored annually by the School District to ensure that all students who requiring services are identified appropriately and are provided such services;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter School acknowledges and agrees that the Charter School will enroll students only in grades K through 8 with a maximum of 1,075 students annually during the term of this Charter, unless the parties agree in writing to other terms. Under no circumstances during the term of this Charter will the Charter School request payment from the School District or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for more students than set forth herein nor enroll students in different grades, without SRC approval by resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following provisions related to the School Performance Index ("SPI") shall apply to the Charter School:

1. The Charter School has achieved a ranking of 1 on the School District's 2010-11 SPI – Charter to School District ranking.
2. If the Charter School achieves a ranking of 8, 9, or 10 on the School District's current SPI – Charter to School District ranking, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent School District accountability performance system, during any year of the Term of the Charter, the School District may require that the Charter School prepare and submit an academic accountability plan to address the Charter School's strategy to increase student performance, and the School District shall review such academic accountability plan at least annually. If the Charter School achieves a ranking of 8, 9, or 10 on the School District's SPI – Charter to School District ranking, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent School District accountability performance system, for two consecutive years during the Term of the Charter, the SRC by resolution shall provide notice to the Charter School's Board of Trustees and to the public that the Charter School has failed to increase student performance in accordance with its academic accountability plan.
3. If the Charter School should fall four (4) rankings on the School District's 2010-11 SPI – Charter to School District ranking or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent School District accountability performance system, over two consecutive years during the Term of the Charter, the

School District reserves the right to require that the Charter School prepare and submit an academic accountability plan which addresses the Charter School's strategy to increase student performance. The School District shall review such academic accountability plan at least annually;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Agreement shall not be executed, delivered or performed by the School District unless and until the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent certifies in writing that the Charter School has submitted: (1) an Admissions Policy and Admissions Procedures satisfactory to the School District, or (2) an Action Plan satisfactory to the School District to eliminate any identified barrier to enrollment and admission of students to the Charter School; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any requests for amendment to the Charter not addressed in this resolution are deemed denied.

SRC-17 (FAILED)

Proposed Charter Renewal – Planet Abacus Charter School

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter School Law, 24 Pa. C.S.A. § 17-1701-A, *et seq.*, the School Reform Commission ("SRC") granted a charter ("Charter") to the Board of Trustees of PLANET ABACUS CHARTER SCHOOL ("Charter School") to operate a charter school commencing in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School seeks renewal of its Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to certain terms and conditions in connection with the renewal of the Charter and has submitted a charter agreement signed by the Charter School ("Charter Agreement") to the School District setting forth the agreed terms and conditions of renewal; and

WHEREAS, School District staff have recommended to the SRC that the SRC renew the Charter School's Charter based on the renewal report for the Charter School and on the terms and conditions of the Charter Agreement signed by the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the SRC has reviewed the Charter School's request for renewal, the Charter Agreement, the information sought during the renewal process, and the renewal report for the Charter School; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter is RENEWED, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth below, for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2017, effective upon the full execution of the Charter Agreement by the School District and by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Charter School or another member of the Board duly designated by the Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter School shall comply with the following conditions:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Charter School acknowledges and agrees that on July 18, 2013, the Board approved a resolution confirming that the Board: (i) suspended the former Chief Executive Officer of the Charter School on or about July 30, 2012; (ii) appointed an Emergency Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Charter School on September 12, 2012; and (iii) has directed that the suspended Chief Executive Officer currently has and will have no involvement with the operations of the Charter School until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC.
2. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on July 18, 2013, the Board approved a resolution confirming that the Board and the Charter School: (i) have terminated all contracts with Dorothy June Brown; (ii) have not entered into any new contracts with Dorothy June Brown; (iii) will not enter into any new contracts with Dorothy June Brown, with the exception of any new contracts contemplated or authorized by 15 Pa.C.S.C §§ 5741-5750, related to indemnification and the advancement of expenses including attorneys' fees, until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC; and (iv) will not enter into any new contracts with any corporation, company or business entity with which Dorothy June Brown is associated or in which Dorothy June Brown has an interest, including without limitation, Main Line Academy, with the exception of leases, amendment to leases or renewal leases for properties located at 6649 Tulip Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135 and 124 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 until at least the completion of the pending criminal case No. 2:12-cr-00367-RBS in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and notification to the SRC.
3. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees: (i) that the Board has provided to the School District a copy of a written lease agreement, memorializing the lease of 6660 Keystone Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135 by the Charter School from Main Line Academy, and that the School is leasing that building on a month-to-month basis at a commercially reasonable monthly rent; and (ii) that the Board is actively looking for a suitable facility to relocate its operations through the end of the term of the Charter, at a commercially reasonable rental rate or purchase price, which relocation shall require the prior consent of the School District as required by Article IV, Section L of this Agreement.

4. The Board of Trustees agrees to review its obligations to indemnify and to advance expenses including attorneys' fees under the Bylaws for Dorothy June Brown and the former Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S.C §§ 5741-5750.
5. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on November 28, 2012, the Board approved a resolution requiring that any employee, former employee, trustee or former trustee who is found to have misappropriated charter school funds immediately shall reimburse the Charter School for the full amounts misappropriated and any amounts advanced as legal expenses and shall be terminated from his or her position.
6. The Board of Trustees by resolution approved on July 18, 2013, adopted a policy which states that: (i) in the event that any employee or Trustee of the Charter School is charged with a crime or malfeasance by indictment or otherwise related to such person's duties at the Charter School, the Charter School immediately shall suspend such employee and shall force the resignation of such Trustee until such matters are resolved, (ii) in the event that any employee or Trustee of the Charter School is convicted of any offense or any malfeasance, or pleads guilty or no contest to any offense or any malfeasance, related to such person's duties at the Charter School, the Charter School immediately shall terminate the employment of such employee and shall force the resignation of such Trustee, shall terminate any consultant or independent contracts with such person, shall terminate all contracts with any corporation, company or business entity with which such person or any of his or her relatives are or were associated or have or had an interest, and shall not enter into any new contracts with such person, or any corporation, company or business entity with which such person or any of his or her relatives are or were associated or have or had an interest; and (iii) any employee or Trustee of the Charter School who is convicted of any offense or any malfeasance, or who pleads guilty or no contest to any offense or any malfeasance, related to such person's duties at the Charter School, shall reimburse the Charter School for the costs of any legal fees paid by the Charter School on such employee's or such Trustee's behalf in the defense of such action. This provision shall be added to all existing and new contracts of the Charter School.
7. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on May 22, 2013, adopted a comprehensive Internal Controls Policy titled "Business & Finance Policy and Procedures". The Board of Trustees shall implement such Internal Controls Policy during the term of the Charter.
8. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, directed its independent auditor to provide all independent audits and financial reports directly to the Board of Trustees.
9. The Board of Trustees shall make the Charter School's financial records available to the School District for any and all investigation and review during the term of the Charter and shall allow the School District to audit the financial records and operations of the Charter School at any time during the term of the Charter without prior notice. The Board of Trustees agrees to cooperate with the School District to facilitate any investigation and/or audit of the financial records and operations of the Charter School.
10. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on February 20, 2013, retained a financial management firm to advise the Charter School on the day-to-day financial management of the Charter School.
11. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, formed an Audit/Finance Subcommittee, and such Subcommittee shall be required to meet at least four (4) times during each fiscal year.
12. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, formed an Education Subcommittee, and such Subcommittee shall be required to meet at least four (4) times during each fiscal year.
13. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that all trustees, officers, administrators, and relatives of trustees, officers and administrators of the Charter School comply with the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Act. The Board of Trustees, by resolution adopted on July 18, 2013, approved a Conflicts of Interest policy that complies with the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Act. The Board of Trustees shall submit a copy of such Conflicts of Interest Policy and any amendments thereto to the School District by November 1st of each year of the Charter Term as evidence that the Charter School adheres to this requirement.
14. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, adopted an "Application and Enrollment Process" as the official procedure/program for carrying out the Charter School's Student Admissions Policy, which complies with the Charter School Law and which includes provisions on application deadlines, recruitment communications, lottery dates, and results. The School District annually shall monitor such Admissions Policy and Process to ensure that all students have equitable access to the Charter School during the term of the Charter.
15. The Board of Trustees, by resolution adopted on July 18, 2013, amended the Bylaws of the Charter School to provide that: (i) that the Bylaws of the Charter School provide that no Board member shall as a private person engage in any business transaction with the Charter School, be employed by the Charter School, or receive from the Charter School pay for service rendered to

the Charter School; and (ii) that the Bylaws provide that voting on any matters involving a conflict of interest shall be governed by the Ethics Act and the Nonprofit Corporation Law. The Board of Trustees shall comply with the Bylaws during the term of the Charter.

16. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November 14, 2013, the Board provided to the School District a schedule for Board members to attend mandatory board training programs, including without limitation, conflicts of interest, code of ethics and the Sunshine Law, provided by an established provider.
17. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November 14, 2013, the Board submitted signed Statements of Financial Interests for 2011 and 2012 for all then current trustees and administrators of the Charter School, in accordance with the requirements of the Ethics Act and the Charter School Law. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District signed Statements of Financial Interest by June 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter.
18. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District by August 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter as part of the Charter School's Annual Report evidence that 75% of the Charter School's professional staff are certified in accordance with the Charter School Law.
19. The Board of Trustees shall submit to the School District by August 1st of each year during the Term of the Charter as part of the Charter School's Annual Report evidence that 100% of the Charter School's teachers with primary responsibility for direct instruction in one or more of No Child Left Behind's core academic subjects demonstrate that they satisfy the definition of a "Highly Qualified Teacher".
20. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that all employees have required federal and state criminal and child abuse background checks during the term of the Charter. The Board of Trustees has submitted to the School District an affidavit signed October 29, 2013, as evidence that it has complied with this requirement, and the Board of Trustees shall submit a signed affidavit to the School District by November 1st of each year of the term of the Charter as evidence that the Charter School has complied with this requirement.
21. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that by letter from the Charter School's Controller dated October 30, 2013, the Board submitted evidence to the School District that all employees of the Charter School are enrolled in the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS") or an alternative federally qualified retirement plan approved by PSERS and shall comply with this requirement and make timely payments to PSERS during the term of the Charter.
22. The Board of Trustees in January 2013 adopted policies for the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer and instructional and professional staff and shall implement such policies during the Term of the Charter.
23. The Board of Trustees acknowledges and agrees that on or about November 6, 2013, the Board submitted to the School District, for its approval, a five-year performance plan with academic and non-academic school-specific goals using formative and summative assessments to identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The School District and the Charter School annually shall monitor and shall revise, if necessary, such five-year performance plan to ensure increased academic achievement for the Charter School's students over the term of the Charter.
24. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, adopted a comprehensive English Language Learners Policy as the official procedure/program for carrying out the Charter School's Limited English Proficiency Policy. Such a plan shall be monitored annually by the School District to ensure that all students requiring services are identified appropriately and are provided such services.
25. The Board of Trustees, by resolution approved on November 28, 2012, adopted a comprehensive Special Education Policy. Such a policy shall be monitored annually by the School District to ensure that all students who requiring services are identified appropriately and are provided such services;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Charter School acknowledges and agrees that the Charter School will enroll students only in grades K through 8 with a maximum of 700 students annually during the term of this Charter unless the parties agree in writing to other terms. Under no circumstances during the term of this Charter will the Charter School request payment from the School District or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for more students than set forth herein nor enroll students in different grades, without SRC approval by resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following provisions related to the School Performance Index ("SPI") shall apply to the Charter School:

1. The Charter School has achieved a 2010-11 ranking of 1 on the School District's 2010-11 SPI – Charter to School District ranking.

2. If the Charter School achieves a ranking of 8, 9, or 10 on the School District's current SPI – Charter to School District ranking, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent accountability performance standard developed by the School District and adopted by the SRC, during the Term of the Charter, the School District may require that the Charter School prepare and submit a school improvement plan as a supplement to the five-year performance plan to address the Charter School's strategy to increase student performance, and the School District shall review such school improvement plan. If the Charter School achieves a ranking of 8, 9, or 10 on the School District's SPI – Charter to School District ranking, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent accountability performance standard developed by the School District and adopted by the SRC, during the Term of the Charter, the SRC may choose to revoke or not to renew the Charter School's Charter in accordance with the Charter School Law. The School District and the Charter School acknowledge and agree that SPI, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent accountability performance standard developed by the School District and adopted by the SRC, shall not be the sole criteria used by the SRC in choosing to revoke or not to renew the Charter School's Charter.
3. If the Charter School should fall four (4) rankings from its current ranking, or an equivalent ranking on any subsequent accountability performance standard developed by the School District and adopted by the SRC, during the Term of the Charter, the School District reserves the right to request that the Charter School prepare and submit a school improvement plan as a supplement to the five-year performance plan to address the Charter School's strategy to increase student performance. The School District shall review such school improvement plan at least every ninety (90) days during the Term of the Charter;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Agreement shall not be executed, delivered or performed by the School District unless and until the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent certifies in writing that the Charter School has submitted: (1) an Admissions Policy and Admissions Procedures satisfactory to the School District, or (2) an Action Plan satisfactory to the School District to eliminate any identified barrier to enrollment and admission of students to the Charter School; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any requests for amendment to the Charter not addressed in this resolution are deemed denied.

Commissioner Houstoun stated that she found the webpage of Planet Abacus problematic. She could not find a listing of the Board of Trustees, no evidence of who the Board is, no application process, no minutes to Board of Trustee meetings, and given the detail in the resolution presented by the Administration goes to questions of the performance and compliance of the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Houstoun stated that she is very uncomfortable with the lack of transparency and intends not to support the resolution.

Commissioner Dworetzky noted his recusal on resolution SRC-17.

Claudia Miles, CEO, stated that a list of Board Members has been submitted to the Charter School Office, and the Board Member information is posted. She stated that the meeting minutes, the announcement of meetings and agenda are made available to the public in the school. She stated that the admissions process is on the webpage under lottery. Dr. Miles stated that the application process for 2014-2015 has not been uploaded yet.

Commissioner Houstoun also questioned whether the resolution which binds the Board of Trustees to a large number of compliance matters has been uploaded on the website and made available to parents and the community. Scott Withers, Solicitor for the Board of Trustees, stated that is has not been loaded on the website, but the school has executed it, and the charter school has not received a signed copy back from the School District. In response to Lori Shorr, City Education Secretary, Dr. Miles stated that a monthly calendar is sent out to parents and the board meeting schedule is posted at all entrances to the school. Commissioner Houstoun acknowledged the good academic record of the school.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 2

Nays: Ms. Houstoun – 1

Abstention: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

II. EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Capital Programs

A-1

Capital Fund: \$7,606 Authorization of Net Credit Change Orders

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform amendments of the attached contracts for a net credit to the School District not to exceed \$7,606.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-2

Capital Fund: \$10,077 Ratification of Contract Amendments with Maitra Associates, Inc. United Consultants and Wick Fisher White – Supplemental MEP Engineering Design Services

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby ratifies the execution, delivery and performance by The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, of Amendments to indefinite demand/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) Contract No. 1035/F10 with Maitra Associates, Inc. (MBE), Contract No. 122/F11 with United Consultants (MBE) and Contract No. 180/F11 with Wick Fisher White, originally entered into pursuant to Resolution No. A-7, approved by the School Reform Commission on June 16, 2010, by increasing the amount of the contracts by an additional \$10,077.00 from an aggregate maximum amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to an aggregate maximum amount not to exceed \$3,510,077.00, to pay the remaining total balance due the firms for services already provided during the 3-year contract period expiring June 16, 2013.

Commissioner Dworetzky questioned the justification for paying contractors that went over their contractual amount last year out of monies that would be approved this year. Fran Burns, Chief Operating Officer, stated that she is asking to pay these firms an amount of \$10,077. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the problem is that the District is asking for money that is beyond what approved for last year and work that was done beyond the contractual amount for which there was basically no authority. He stated that it is a problem for him because at almost every SRC meeting, Capital Programs and Facilities present more pool contracts. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Danielle Floyd, Capital Programs, stated that the balance reflected in the resolution is primarily connected to a request for additional services. She stated that Commissioner Dworetzky is correct when a project is awarded we have an agreed upon fee for the firms to do the work solicited. She stated that there are times during the course of the project where additional services are required that go beyond what was included in the contractual amount. Ms. Floyd stated that the majority of the work reflected in this resolution is the additional services that go above and beyond what was included in the contract. She stated that she did not believe they were emergency services, but issues that came up during the course of design. Commissioner stated that he has a problem with ratifications and it's not fair to the SRC. Danielle Floyd stated that going forward, this practice will not continue. Nothing is being carried over. Leigh Clark, Capital Programs, stated that encumbrances would be closed at the end of the contract.

With regard to speaker Gerald Thompson on Carolina Plumbing, Fran Burns, Chief Operating Officer, stated that she met with them approximately two months ago when they raised some issues. Since then, a letter has been received from their attorney to which General Counsel has been requested to prepare a response. Carolina Plumbing subsequently rescinded its outreach through an attorney and asked to meet at a staff level. A meeting has been scheduled tomorrow. Commissioner Dworetzky requested a report of the meeting.

Commissioner Pritchett stated that he agrees with Commissioner Dworetzky and noted that the work by the District was sloppy, but is voting for approval because he believes the litigation cost of not ratifying would be larger.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 3

Nays: Mr. Dworetzky - 1

A-3

Capital Fund: \$722,000 Contract with Schneider Restorations, Inc. – Structural Modifications – Taylor Elementary School

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver, and perform contract B-004 C of 2012/13 with Schneider Restorations, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for structural modifications at Bayard Taylor Elementary School, for an amount not to exceed \$722,000.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-4

Capital Fund: \$177,317 Contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc. – Completion of MEP Engineering Design Services for Penn Treaty Boiler Replacement Project

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc. to perform professional mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering design, bidding and construction services for the Penn Treaty Boiler Replacement Project, for an amount not to exceed \$177,317, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Procurement Services

A-5

Various Funds: \$350,000 Purchase of Automobile, Truck and School Bus Tires from Henise Tire Service and W. P. Cooke Tires – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to blanket purchase agreements of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to purchase automobile, truck and school bus tires from Henise Tire Service Company and W. P. Cooke Tires, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000, subject to available funding, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Bid: S1Z57020/
T1Z57020 Description: Automotive, Truck and School Bus Tires Total Amount: \$350,000

Awarded Vendor(s): Henise Tire Service Company - \$125,000
Bensalem, PA

W.P. Cooke - \$225,000
Philadelphia, PA

Term: 10/18/13 to 5/31/14

ABC Code: 1100-027-2742-6141 – General Fund

Requestor: I. Garland Siglar/ Manager, School District Garage

The items listed below are the three (3) most expensive items on this contract:

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>QTY</u> | <u>UNIT PRICE</u> | <u>EXTENSION</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Size 11R22.5/16 | 40 | \$395.66 | \$15,826.40 |
| Size 225/70R-19.5/12 | 150 | \$251.00 | \$37,650.00 |
| Size 295/75R22.5 16 | 40 | \$100.36 | \$ 4,014.40 |

Justification: This award establishes via a cooperative agreement with the City of Philadelphia provides a source for auto, truck and bus tires for maintaining the School District’s automotive and school bus fleet.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-6

Operating Budget: \$295,000 Purchase of Automotive and School Bus Aftermarket Repair Parts – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to blanket purchase agreements of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to purchase automobile and school bus aftermarket repair parts from Triple R Truck Parts, Crest Auto Parts, Del-Val International, D & W Diesel and Transaxle Corporation , as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for an amount not to exceed \$295,000, subject to available funding, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Bid: A14-46684 Description: Automotive and School Bus Aftermarket Repair Parts Total Amount: \$295,000

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| <u>Awarded Vendor(s):</u> Triple R Truck Parts - Moorestown, NJ | \$96,000 | A1136582TRI | FY14 | \$32,000 |
| | | | FY15 | \$48,000 |
| | | | FY16 | \$16,000 |
| Crest Auto Stores Philadelphia, PA | \$96,000 | A1136582CRE | FY14 | \$32,000 |
| | | | FY15 | \$48,000 |
| | | | FY16 | \$16,000 |
| Del-Val International Montgomeryville, PA | \$52,000 | A1136582DEL | FY14 | \$16,000 |
| | | | FY15 | \$25,000 |

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| | | | FY16 | \$11,000 |
| D & W Diesel | \$31,000 | A1136582DWD | FY14 | \$13,000 |
| Auburn, NY | | | FY15 | \$12,000 |
| | | | FY16 | \$6,000 |
| Transaxle Corporation | \$20,000 | A11365282TRA | FY14 | \$5,000 |
| Cinnaminson, NJ | | | FY15 | \$10,000 |
| | | | FY16 | \$5,000 |

Term: 11/21/13 to 9/30/15

ABC Code: 1100-027-2742-6141 - \$195,000 – Transportation Maintenance
 1100-027-2654-6141 - \$100,000 – Automotive Services

Requestor: I. Garland Sigler, Manager, Garage Operations

Justification: This award establishes a source for aftermarket automotive and school bus repair parts that will be used in the daily maintenance of the School District’s automotive and school bus fleets. Current contract authorization from 9/21/11 to 9/30/13 was \$397,000.

MBE/WBE vendors did not bid this contract.

The total number of bids received for this award was five (5).

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-7

Operating Budget: \$150,000 Contract with Pacifico Ford for Bus and Truck State Inspection and Repair – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to service contract of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to pay for state inspections and repairs on buses and trucks from Pacifico Ford, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through September 30, 2015, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

LEASES, RENTALS AND SERVICES

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| <u>Bid:</u> A14-46682 | <u>Description:</u> Bus and Truck State Inspection and Repair | <u>Total Amount:</u> \$150,000 |
| <u>Awarded Vendor(s):</u> | Pacifico Ford – A1446682PAC Philadelphia, PA | FY13 \$56,250 FY14 \$50,000 FY15 \$18,750 FY13 \$9,500 FY14 \$12,500 FY15 \$3,000 |

Term: 11/22/13 to 9/30/15

ABC Code: 1100-027-2742-4311 – Transportation Services \$125,000
 1100-027-2654-4311 – Automotive Services \$25,000

Requestor: I. Garland Sigler, Manager, Garage Operations

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>UNIT PRICE</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Inspection Fee | \$ 68.94 |
| Repair Labor per hour | \$ 75.00 |
| Repair Parts cost from current price list | 10% |
| Service Warranty parts & labor | 365 days |

Justification: This award establishes a source for state inspections and repair of School District buses and trucks. Current contract authorization is for two years from 9/21/11 to 9/30/13 is \$175,000. School buses require inspections every six months and this contract will be used to complement the state inspections done in-house.

MBE/WBE vendors did not bid this contract

The total number of bids received for this award was two (2).

Other bidder: Del-Val International Trucks, Inc.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-8

Operating Budget: \$50,000 Purchase of School Bus Air Brake Relined Shoes – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to blanket purchase agreements of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to purchase school bus air brakes relined shoes from Transaxle Corp. and Del Val International, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through October 31, 2015, subject to available funding.

LEASES, RENTALS, AND SERVICES

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| <u>Bid:</u> A14-46681 | <u>Description:</u> School Bus Air Brake Shoe Relining | <u>Total Amount:</u> \$50,000 |
| <u>Awarded Vendors (2):</u> | Transaxle Corp - \$30,000 A1446681TRA Cinnaminson, NJ | |
| | Del Val International - \$20,000 A1446681DEL Lansdale, PA | |
| <u>Term:</u> | 11/22/13 to 10/31/15 | |
| <u>ABC Code:</u> | 1100-027-2742-4311 – General Fund | FY14 TBD \$18,500 FY15 TBD \$25,000 FY16 TBD \$6,500 |
| <u>Requestor:</u> | I. Garland Sigler, Manager, Garage Operations | |

The following are recommended for award to Transaxle Corporation:

| Shoe Manufacturer | Shoe Size | Price/Box Rating 21,000lbs | Price/Box Rating 23,000lbs |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (Rebuild Brake Shoe – Core Exchange) | | | |
| Eaton | 16 ½ x 5 | \$66.74 | \$69.52 |
| Meritor | 16 ½ x 6 | \$49.95 | \$59.95 |
| Rockwell | 16 ½ x 5 | \$68.24 | \$74.95 |
| (Supply Brake Shoe Kit – w/o Core Exchange) | | | |
| Eaton | 16 ½ x 5 | \$74.33 | \$87.00 |
| Rockwell | 16 ½ x 5 | \$64.71 | \$79.23 |

The following are recommended for award to Del Val International (only bid 4 of 9 items):

| Shoe Manufacturer | Shoe Size | Price/Box Rating 21,000lbs | Price/Box Rating 23,000lbs |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (Rebuild Brake Shoe – Core Exchange) | | | |
| Eaton | 16 ½ x 7 | \$35.70 | \$41.90 |
| Rockwell | 16 ½ x 7 | \$33.70 | \$38.70 |
| (Supply Brake Shoe Kit – w/o Core Exchange) | | | |
| Eaton | 16 ½ x 7 | \$45.70 | \$51.90 |
| Rockwell | 16 ½ x 7 | \$43.70 | \$49.90 |

Justification: The awards establish sources for school bus air brake shoe relining sets used in the maintenance of the school bus fleet with the awards being issued to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders. Current contract authorization from 11/16/11 to 10/31/13 is \$50,000.

MBE/WBE vendors did not bid on this contract.

The total number of bids received for this award was two (2).

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-9

Various Funds: \$200,000 Purchase of Refrigeration/Freezer Parts from United Refrigeration – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to blanket purchase agreement of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to purchase refrigeration and freezer parts from United Refrigeration, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, subject to available funding.

BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Bid: A14-46023 Description: Refrigeration/Freezer Parts—Food Services Total Amount: \$200,000

Awarded Vendor(s): United Refrigeration A1446023UNI FY14 - \$50,000
Philadelphia, PA FY15 - \$100,000
FY16 - \$50,000

Term: 01/01/14 to 12/31/15

ABC Code: 9001-030-2644-7671

Requestor: Wayne Grasela – Senior Vice President, Food Services

Justification: This award is for a contract to establish a source for refrigerator parts for use by the Division of Food Services to repair and replace parts in cafeteria refrigeration equipment. Current contract authorization from 12/21/11 to 12/31/13 is \$200,000.

MBE/WBE vendors did not bid this contract.

The total number of bids received for this award was one (1)

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-10

Operating Budget: \$131,783.50 Purchase of School Uniforms from American Uniform Sales, Inc. – Subject to Funding

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, pursuant to requirements contract of supplies and/or a combination of supplies and services, for purchases costing \$25,000 or more, to purchase school police uniforms from American Uniform Sales Inc., as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for an amount not to exceed \$131,783.50, subject to available funding, as shown on the attached Exhibit A.

REQUIREMENTS CONTRACTS

Bid: A14-46155 Description: School Police Uniforms Total Amount: \$131,783.50

Awarded Vendor(s): American Uniform Sales Inc. (MBE) A1446155AME
Philadelphia, PA.

Term: 11/21/13 to 12/31/15

ABC Code: 1100-034-2661-6115 FY14 \$36,899.38
FY15 \$63,256.08
FY16 \$31,628.04

Requestor: C. Dorsey/Chief Inspector, Office of School Safety

The items listed below are the three (3) most expensive items on this contract:

| DESCRIPTION | QTY | 2013 UNIT PRICE | 2011 UNIT PRICE |
|--|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| CCN: 20001380482: Police Shirt, Long Sleeve | 1200 | \$26.75 | \$31.43 |
| CCN: 20001380483: Police Shirt, Short Sleeve | 800 | \$23.90 | \$27.31 |
| CCN: 20001380484: Police Trouser, All Season | 1000 | \$26.90 | \$26.50 |

Justification: This contract establishes a source for School Police Uniforms. Current contract authorization from 9/21/09 to 10/31/13 is \$152,150. Decrease in award amount due to reduction in quantities and competition between vendors.

Bid was received from the following WBE firm:
Uniform Gear, Philadelphia, PA, \$148,481.50

The total number of bids received for this award was two (2).

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Facilities Management and Services

A-11

Amendment to Agreement of Sale of the School District Surplus Property – 3250 Amber Street – former John Paul Jones Middle School Annex

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a Fourth Amendment of the Agreement of Sale dated July 22, 2013, originally entered into with the buyer, Richmond Mills Annex, LLC, pursuant to Resolution No. A-13 approved by the SRC on November 15, 2012, for the former John Paul Jones Middle School Annex, located at 3250 Amber Street, Philadelphia, to (i) reduce the purchase price from \$250,000 to \$225,000, (ii) reduce the amount that the buyer, is required to reimburse the School District for its out of pocket costs by \$5,000 and (iii) have the appraisals for the property updated in light of information from buyer's due diligence investigation that may affect the valuation of the property. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement of Sale dated July 22, 2013, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Commissioner Dworetzky complemented staff on the write-up provided in response to his questions on resolution A-11. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky's request, Susan Fetterman, Assistant General Counsel, provided an overview of the timeline of the process. She stated that in 2012 under the original adaptive sale and reuse policy, 12 properties were offered for sale. One of the properties was the Jones Annex which was closed in 2010 due to declining enrollment. The property was put up for sale under the RFP process and there was one buyer. The buyer offered \$250,000 for the property, which was approved by the SRC in November 2012. The District entered into an agreement of sale with buyer in June 2013. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky's question on the time period between the approval of sale and agreement of sale, Ms. Fetterman stated that the buyer was to provide comments to the agreement of sale in the RFP process but did not. She stated that the buyer's attorney made a lot of changes to the agreement of sale and the buyer also had some lender issues. Ms. Fetterman also stated that the amendment is based on the buyer stating that it had found an environmental condition on the property for which they wanted the District to reimburse them. Ms. Fetterman stated that they negotiated a \$25,000 reimbursement. She stated that the negotiation process took 4-6 weeks. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Ms. Fetterman stated that lessons learned include being more explicit with buyers as far as having them acknowledge all of the materials received from the District.. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the process followed in this case was not good. He suggested looking at due diligence before SRC approval. Commissioner Dworetzky also suggested certifying a second bidder.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-12

Withdrawn by Staff

A-13

Lease Agreement with Camelot for use of a portion of the E. S. Miller School – 1 year

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute, deliver, and perform a lease agreement with Camelot Schools of PA ("Camelot"), for use of a portion of the ES Miller School located at 43rd & Westminster Avenues, Philadelphia, Pa 19104, as office and classroom space for Camelot, an alternative education provider under contract with the School District of Philadelphia, at an annual rate of \$44,250 (\$8.85 per square foot) to be paid monthly, which includes the School District's operating costs for all utilities, building engineer, custodial, maintenance, snow removal and trash pick-up, for a term of one year commencing December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014, with options for one year renewals. The rent for any renewal term will increase by 2%. The terms of the lease agreement must be

acceptable to the School District's Office of General Counsel and Office of Risk Management.

Fran Burns provided previously requested work papers to Commissioner Dworetzky. Benjamin Wright, Assistant Superintendent stated that the contract is for special education students. He stated the Philadelphia Learning Academy South is currently in the building. There is no longer a middle school component in the building. The special education program will only have 30 students. Mr. Wright stated that PLA is not an enrollment driven school, but usually peaks in April. He stated that the capacity is 400. Mr. Wright provided assurances that he will not be coming back to SRC stating that PLA is short of space and will need to put the students that would otherwise be at PLA in one of the private providers.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Human Resources

A-14

Withdrawn by Staff

A-15

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$116,500 Contract with Secova – Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit
RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute deliver and perform a contract with Secova to perform a dependent eligibility audit of medical coverage for an amount not to exceed \$116,500 for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through April 25, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-16

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$75,000 Grant Acceptance from the Gates Foundation – Teacher Convening
RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept, if awarded, a grant from the Gates Foundation, for the purpose of offering a Teacher Convening conference series, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-17

Authorization of Agreements with Plan Providers from the School District of Philadelphia 403(b) Plan, 457(b) Plan and Amendments to the 403(b) Plan and 457(b) Plan

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, by and through its Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform agreements with AXA Equitable, Lincoln Investment Planning, MetLife Resources, TIAA-CREF and VALIC, the plan providers for the The School District of Philadelphia 403(b) Plan (the "403(b) Plan") and The School District of Philadelphia 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (the "457(b) Plan"), for the period November 22, 2013 through December 31, 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, by and through its Superintendent or his designee, to amend the 403(b) Plan and the 457(b) Plan to provide that de minimis amounts of termination pay up to \$1,000 shall be paid to employees who terminate employment on or after age 55 in cash rather than contributed as employer contributions to the 403(b) Plan or 457(b) Plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, by and through its Superintendent or his designee, to amend the 457(b) Plan to adopt a Roth 457(b) feature, which would allow 457(b) Plan participants to make after-tax contributions and take withdrawals from their accounts, including investment earnings, on a tax-free basis.

Commissioner Dworetzky noted his rescual on resolution A-17.

Commissioner Houstoun provided a brief background on the development of this resolution. In response to Commissioner Houstoun, Susan Gilbert, Deputy for Human Resources and Benefits, stated that in December 2011, the School District proposed to go from five to two vendors. Since that time, the District has been working with an outside financial advisor who worked with the five existing firms to get the best prices, reducing the fees to as close as having a two vendor platform and going to a mutual fund platform. Commissioner Houstoun questioned how would plan information be communicated to employees. Naomi Wyatt, Chief Talent Officer, stated that fee schedules from all providers will be made available. She stated that the District is also planning a centralizes communication about the changes.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 3

Nays: 0

Abstention: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

A-18

Acceptance of Services from ANet – Data Driven Instructional Training Services

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby ratifies the acceptance, with appreciation, by The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, of the donation of services from ANet for a pilot program at 10 schools, valued at \$150,000.00, for use for the period commencing November 13, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, by and through the Superintendent or his designee to execute, deliver and perform the Memorandum of Understanding with ANet necessary to further the intent of this resolution.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Information Technology

A-19

Gift: \$150,000 Acceptance of Classroom Technology – Laptop Computers

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby ratifies the acceptance with appreciation by The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent, of a gift of 300 laptop computers with a combined total value of approximately \$150,000 from Kevin Hart for distribution to the John F. Hartranft Elementary School, Morris E. Leeds Middle School, John F. McCloskey Elementary School, S. Weir Mitchell Elementary School, Overbrook Elementary School, E. Washington Rhodes Elementary School, Allen M. Stearne Elementary School, and the William T. Tilden Middle School, on November 1, 2013.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Finance

A-20

Operating Budget: \$976,338 Ratification of Contract with City Controller of Philadelphia – Single Audit Services for Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, and 2013

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby ratifies the execution, delivery and performance by The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent, of a contract with the City Controller of Philadelphia, to provide independent audit services: (1) for the Single Audit for the Fiscal Year 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$326,338, for the period commencing July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, (2) for the Single Audit for FY 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$325,000, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, and (3) for the Single Audit for FY 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$325,000, for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$976,338.

In response to Commissioner Pritchett, Matthew Stanski, Chief Financial Officer, confirmed that there are two types of audits, an overall audit, and the federally required A-133 audit focused on federal funds. Resolution A-20 represents the federal audit. Mr. Stanski stated that the District has been chronically delayed in getting the audits complete for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. A corrective action plan has been put in place. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Mr. Stanski confirmed that there has been benchmarking of the costs.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Grants Development and Compliance

A-21

Authorization to Recommend Recipients of the Simon Gratz Teachers Fund to the Board of Directors of City Trusts

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to provide to the Board of Directors of City Trusts formal written recommendations of the recipients of awards from Simon Gratz Teachers Fund (the "Fund") and to make payments to the awardees from the Fund, for an amount not to exceed \$38,430, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2013; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission recognizes the confidential nature of the information

provided by individuals in the application and selection process; accordingly, the names of the recipients are included in Schedule 2C on file in the Office of Grant Development and Compliance.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Charter Office

A-22

Operating Budget: \$107,800 Contract with SchoolWorks – Site Visit Consulting Services Support

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver, and perform a contract with SchoolWorks to coordinate and execute critical elements of the charter school renewal review process, including renewal site visits, renewal site visit reports, internal renewal evaluation team meetings and renewal recommendation report preparation, for an amount not to exceed \$107,800, for the period commencing November 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Lauren Thum, Charter School Office, described the procurement process. A RFP was developed and out of twenty requests, three responses to the RFPs were received. Ms. Thum stated that her sense of only three respondents was due to the vendors feeling that they did not have the background and work experience to conduct the site visits. She stated that she has not followed up with the vendors that did not submit an RFP. With regard to barriers to entry, Ms. Thum stated that with their renewal applications, charter schools are submitting their admission forms for both last school year and the one for the 2014-2015 school year, as well as their admissions policy. During site visits, the District will be looking at compliance with admissions practices. The Charter School Office will look at and evaluate charter school websites. Ms. Thum also stated that the Charter School Office intends to engage stakeholders to get feedback on their experiences with the admissions process. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Paul Kihn, Deputy Superintendent stated that as of this week, the District will be certifying that all of the schools have met the terms of the barriers to entry policy. He stated that it can be provided on the District's website.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Executive Office

A-23

Acceptance of Donations from Project Based Learning, Inc. – Technology, Supplies, Staff and Professional Development at the Workshop School; and Energy-Efficiency Initiative and Conference

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee: (1) to accept with appreciation the generous donation of technology (both hardware and digital content), supplies, program staffing and support and professional development, valued at approximately \$150,000, from Project Based Learning, Inc., through a donation from Next Generation Learning Challenges, to support the Workshop School; and (2) to execute, deliver and perform a Memorandum of Understanding with Project Based Learning, Inc. and such other documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee: (1) to accept with appreciation the generous donation of materials and supplies for a school-wide project focused on improving energy efficiency at the Workshop School and program staffing and related supports to produce a year-end conference focused on sustainable schools, valued at approximately \$91,600, from Project Based Learning, Inc., through a donation from State Farm Youth Advisory Board; and (2) to execute, deliver and perform a Memorandum of Understanding with Project Based Learning, Inc. and such other documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-24

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$26,600 Grant Acceptance from Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation to Support Staffing in the Strategy Delivery Unit

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation, a grant of \$26,600 from the Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation to support the work of the Strategy Delivery Unit by partially funding the salary and benefits of a Strategy Analyst responsible for managing the District's Five Year Financial Plan, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-25

Categorical/Grant Fund: Grant from the Philadelphia Schools Partnership – Professional Development/Acceptance of Donations from Philadelphia Schools Partnership – Student Engagement, Academic Services, Professional Development

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee: (i) to accept with appreciation a generous grant from the Philadelphia School Partnership to pay for professional development activities at the James G. Blaine Elementary School, valued at approximately \$5,000, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through August 31, 2014 and (ii) to execute, deliver and perform such documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee: (i) to accept with appreciation the donation of student engagement initiatives and academic consulting services at the James G. Blaine Elementary School, valued at approximately \$110,000, from the Philadelphia School Partnership, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through August 31, 2014; and (ii) to execute, deliver and perform such documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee: (i) to accept with appreciation the donation of academic coaching supports, professional development supports, and academic consulting service at the William D. Kelley Elementary School, valued at approximately of \$160,000, from the Philadelphia School Partnership, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through August 31, 2014; and (ii) to execute, deliver and perform such documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Paul Kihn, Deputy Superintendent, stated that resolutions A-25 and A-27 are not related.

Bi Vuong provided an overview of resolution A-25.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

A-26

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$1,926,000 Grant Acceptance from the William Penn Foundation – College, Counseling and Academic Support Project

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation, a generous grant fund from the William Penn Foundation totaling \$1,926,000 for the period beginning November 25, 2013 and ending November 25, 2015, to be used to provide various college counseling and academic supports for District schools, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, by and through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with City Year for an amount not to exceed \$1,370,000 for the period beginning November 25, 2013 and ending November 25, 2015 for the purpose of providing academic interventions and supports, in addition to supporting positive climate development, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, by and through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform any and all functions and documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Human Resources

A-27

Memorandum of Understanding with Mastery Charter Schools – Philadelphia Schools Compact Teacher Effectiveness Program

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a Memorandum of Understanding with Mastery Charter School to implement the Philadelphia Schools Compact Teacher Effectiveness program, originally authorized by the School Reform Commission, pursuant to Resolution B-1, approved on October 17, 2013.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Brett Shiel, Deputy Chief for Teacher Effectiveness, provided an overview of resolution A-27. He stated that the grant is a partnership between Mastery Charter and the School District. He stated that the goal is to integrate the Mastery coaching philosophy, model and approach into four School District schools. Paul Kihn, Deputy Superintendent, stated that this is being done under the auspices of the

Great Schools Compact. Mr. Shiel stated that Mastery’s coaching model is more interactive than just observations. He stated that the outcomes for Mastery Charter School have been pretty phenomenal relative to their coaching. Approximately 40-50 teachers per school per year will participate. Mr. Shiel stated that it is a voluntary program. With regard to school selection, Paul Kihn stated that the School District created a list of low performing schools and determined whether there was interest and capacity within the school. Mr. Shiel stated that the Office of Teacher Effectiveness is working with the Office of Research and Evaluation to track progress. Commissioner Dworetzky suggested making non-identifiable data available to the public. Mr. Shiel stated that Mastery is using this coaching approach in all of their schools. Mr. Kihn noted that this program is designed to be non-evaluative of teachers. In response to Commissioner Simms, Mr. Shiel stated that the schools participating are Ethel Allen, Houston, M. L. King, and Childs. Naomi Wyatt, Chief Talent Officer, is responsible for managing and reporting back on the program.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Facilities Management and Services

A-28

Donation: \$477,263.35 Acceptance from the Philadelphia Education Supplies Fund

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation, the donation of \$477,263.35 from the Philadelphia Education Supplies Fund to be used by the School District of Philadelphia to purchase consumable supplemental classroom supplies, including workbooks, paper, pens and pencils. The needs of the funds will be identified at the school level with input from teachers.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

III. EDUCATION SERVICES

Academic – Donations/Acceptances

B-1

Donation: \$35,000 Acceptance from Beat the Streets for Partial Coaching Salaries and Benefits

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation the gift from Beat The Streets for partial coaching salaries and benefits, as set forth in the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement, for partial payment for Wrestling Head Coaches at all ten participating schools in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the period commencing November 25, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-2

Donation: \$68,500 Ratification of Acceptance from the McCall Home and School Association – Library Instructional Materials Assistant (LIMA)

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission hereby ratifies the acceptance with appreciation by the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, a donation of \$68,500 from the McCall Home and School Association to fund salary and benefits for a Library Instructional Materials Assistant for the period commencing October 27, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-3

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$155,000 Acceptance of Benefits from United Way of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey; Donation of Services from American Reading Company; Memorandum of Understanding with American Reading Company

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation, if awarded, the benefit of a grant not to exceed \$155,000 from the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, as grantor, to the American Reading Company, as grantees, to be used to provide literacy resources, literacy skills instruction and professional development to teachers and administrators within The School District of Philadelphia, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, conditioned upon receipt of this grant, to accept the donation of services

from the American Reading Company, valued up to \$155,000, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a Memorandum of Understanding with American Reading Company to provide classroom literacy resources, training and professional development to teachers and administrators within The School District of Philadelphia in selected schools for a period commencing November 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-4

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$82,000 Grant Acceptance from the Fund for Philadelphia for partial salary and benefits for the Director of Afterschool Programs

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept the grant from The Fund for Philadelphia for an amount up to \$82,000 for the purpose of partial payment of salary and benefits for the Director of Afterschool Programs, to perform Lead Project responsibilities for the City's Out-of-School Time System of Systems Building Project for an equal share of her time and effort, a School District employee, for the period of November 22, 2013 through December 31, 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee to execute, deliver and perform a Memorandum of Understanding with The Fund for Philadelphia, in conjunction with the School District's Office of Strategic Partnerships to enlist the services of the Director of Afterschool Programs, a School District employee, to perform the Lead Project responsibilities for the City's Out-of-School Time System of Systems Building Project, for the period of November 22, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-5

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$50,000 Grant Acceptance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education – Career and Technical Education Equipment

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept, if awarded, a Pennsylvania Department of Education Career and Technical Education equipment grant, of up to \$50,000.00 for the purchase of state-of-the-art instructional equipment for Career and Technical Education programs of study, to prepare students to earn industry-recognized certifications and acquire career-readiness skills related to high-priority occupations, for the period commencing November 21, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

Academic – Contracts/Payments

B-6

Operating Budget: \$23,000 Contract with The Please Touch Museum – Parenting Education Workshop

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with Please Touch Museum to deliver school based parenting education workshops for ELECT pregnant and parenting student participants at 30 high schools, for an amount not to exceed \$23,000, for the period commencing November 21, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-7

Operating Budget: \$35,000 Contract Amendment with Dynamic Enterprise Solutions – ELECT Case Management System for the Creation of Additional Data Entry Screens

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform an amendment of Contract No. 661/F13, originally entered into with Dynamic Enterprise Solutions pursuant to Resolution No. B-9 approved by the School Reform Commission on April 18, 2013, by increasing the amount of the contract by an additional \$35,000 from the \$70,000

approved by Resolution B-9, to an amount not to exceed \$105,000, in order to support the development of additional data entry screens in the Community Care Center database system for the management of data related to the Education Leading To Employment and Career Training (ELECT) Program provided by The School District of Philadelphia and its partners.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-8

Operating Budget: \$25,600 Contract with Erie Lanes – PIAA District XII Philadelphia Public League

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with Erie Lanes to provide a bowling facility for use by PIAA District XII Philadelphia Public League for an amount not to exceed \$25,600 for the period beginning November 25, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-9

Operating Budget: \$335,100 Contract Amendment with RefPay – Payment for Sports Officials

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform an amendment of Contract No. 311/F14, originally entered into with RefPay pursuant to Resolution No. B-17, approved by the School Reform Commission on 8/22/13, by increasing the dollar amount of the contract by an additional \$335,100 from \$167,550, to an amount not to exceed \$502,650 and by extending the term of the contract from its original scheduled expiration date of November 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-10

Operating Budget: \$144,800 Contract Amendment with Various Health Organizations – Athletic Training Services

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform an amendment of Contract No. 210/F14, originally entered into with Temple University Physicians pursuant to Resolution No. B-15, approved by the School Reform Commission on 8/22/13, by increasing the dollar amount of the contract by an additional \$144,800 from \$72,400, to an amount not to exceed \$217,200 and by extending the term of the contract from its original scheduled expiration date of November 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform an amendment of Contract No. 180/F14 originally entered into with University of Pennsylvania Health System pursuant to Resolution No. B-15, approved by the School Reform Commission on 8/22/13, by increasing the dollar amount of the contract by an additional \$46,666.67 from \$23,333.33 to an amount not to exceed \$70,000; Contract No. 208/F14 originally entered into with Temple University Kinesiology, pursuant to Resolution No. B-15/F14, approved by the School Reform Commission on 8/22/13, by increasing the dollar amount of the contract by an additional \$21,333.33 from \$10,666.67 to an amount not to exceed \$32,000; Contract No. 209/F14 originally entered into with Tierney Consulting and Athletic Training Services, pursuant to Resolution No. B-15, approved by the School Reform Commission on 8/22/13, by increasing the dollar amount of the contract by an additional \$21,333.33 from \$10,666.67 to an amount not to exceed \$32,000 and by extending the term of all contracts from their original scheduled expiration date of November 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-11

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$643,466 Contracts with the Urban League of Philadelphia (\$343,446) and CoolSpeak LLC (\$300,000) – GEAR UP Partnership

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform contracts separately with Urban League of Philadelphia, for an amount not to exceed \$343,446, and CoolSpeak LLC., for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide enhanced career exposure opportunities, and college awareness and readiness programming in seven high

schools, for an aggregate total amount not to exceed \$643,466 for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through July 31, 2015.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-12

Operating Budget: \$400,000 Contract with International Baccalaureate – IB Program

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with International Baccalaureate to provide services to Bodine High School, Central High School, Girls' High School, Northeast High School, Washington High School, Hill-Freedman Middle School and Wilson Middle School through the Office of Curriculum and Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-13

Operating Budget: \$450,000 Contract with The College Board – Advanced Placement Assessments

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with The College Board to deliver and score Advanced Placement Assessments in all School District high schools which offer Advanced Placement courses, for an amount not to exceed \$450,000, for the period commencing November 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

B-14

Authorization to Recommend to the Board of Directors of City Trusts Recipient of the Jacobs Scholarship Fund

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee to provide to the Board of Directors of City Trusts a formal written recommendation of Carlos Delgado from George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science as the recipient of the award from The Jacobs Scholarship Fund and to authorize payment to the awardee from the Fund not to exceed \$1,750, for the period commencing November 22, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for the purpose of post graduate collegiate music studies.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Nays: 0

The meeting was recessed at 9:02 p.m. to move to the Intermediate Unit business meeting and on motion adjourned at 9:05 p.m., following the conclusion of the Intermediate Unit meeting.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

- Dr. Pritchett requested report on meeting between speaker Gerald Thompson and District staff regarding bidding/contracting process.

Wendell E. Pritchett, Member
School Reform Commission

William E. Hite, Jr.
Superintendent

**PHILADELPHIA INTERMEDIATE UNIT #26
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

A meeting of the School Reform Commission sitting as the Board of the Intermediate Unit was held on November 21, 2013 in the Auditorium of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 9:04 p.m. by Dr. Pritchett, serving as Chairman Pro Tem.

Members present: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 4

Members absent: 0

The following resolution was presented for formal action by the School Reform Commission:

IV. INTERMEDIATE UNIT

IU-1

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$83,650 Grant Acceptance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education – Statewide System of Supports Initiative

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission acting in its capacity as Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Intermediate Unit No. 26, authorizes Intermediate Unit #26, through the Acting Executive Director or his designee, to accept funds, if awarded, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("PDE") related to its Statewide System of Supports Initiatives to reimburse the School District of Philadelphia for costs associated with implementation of PDE's educator effectiveness initiative and provision of technical assistance related to ensuring safe schools, for an amount not to exceed \$83,650, for the period commencing April 19, 2013 through September 30, 2013;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission acting in its capacity as Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Intermediate Unit No. 26, authorizes Intermediate Unit #26, through the Acting Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate any and all terms necessary to comply with the terms of the funding.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms – 3

Nays: 0

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Wendell E. Pritchett, Member
School Reform Commission

William E. Hite, Jr.
Superintendent