

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on September 23, 2013 in the Auditorium of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 5:36 p.m. by Chairman Ramos. He welcomed back students and families as well as thanked staff for all the work done to open schools this year. Chairman Ramos also acknowledged Peace Philly Day. He stated that many of our schools participated in Peace Philly Day to promote participation in the United Nations International Day of Peace. Activities focused on peace education and skill building, global citizenship, social justice, anti-bullying programs, health and wellness, and other topics.

Michael A. Davis, General Counsel, announced that prior to today's public meeting, the School Reform Commission met in Executive Sessions on September 16, 2013 to discuss personnel matters, labor relations and investigations, and today, to discuss labor relations, and litigation.

Members present: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Members absent: 0

Chairman Ramos expressed appreciation to Dr. Hite and his team for getting schools open with limited and uncertain resources.

Dr. Hite, Superintendent, provided opening remarks. Dr. Hite thanked principals and school staffs for their efforts. He also stated that numerous individuals, organizations, businesses, and home and school associations have reached out to schools to donate time, resources and funds. Dr. Hite also stated that he has visited many schools and acknowledged that schools do not have the resources needed. He stated that the District will continue its efforts to identify more funds from the City, State, Federal sources, and labor partners. Dr. Hite stated that the District hosted the opening ceremony for National GEAR Up Week. He also stated that the District has launched the AskPhilasd.org Knowledge Base with responses to frequently asked questions. Dr. Hite recognized the creators of the webpage.

The minutes from the following School Reform Commission meetings were approved: August 22, 2013 and August 22, 2013 (*Intermediate Unit*).

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Evelyn Sample-Oates, Office of Family and Community Engagement, provided the order of business for today's meeting of the School Reform Commission. She also stated that the proceedings of today's School Reform Commission meeting are being broadcast live on television and streamed live on the internet. Ms. Sample-Oates stated that the School District's recordings are protected by the copyright laws of the United States.

The following Proclamation was read:

Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15 to October 15 to acknowledge the contributions of Hispanics in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia is enriched by the presence of students, families, staff and commissioners of Hispanic heritage, and

WHEREAS, On this year marks the fifteenth year that The School District of Philadelphia celebrates the contributions of staff, students, parents and community partners of Hispanic heritage by joining the national theme "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor", it is

RESOLVED, That the School Reform Commission and the Superintendent acknowledges, honors and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month throughout The School District of Philadelphia.

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

Orlando Acosta expressed concerns about an apparent lack of clarity in written communications from schools, citing Webster Elementary School. Dr. Hite will follow up.

Sherlene Washington, Sales Manager from Rolling Thunder Skating Center offered to donate Student of the Month Awards to the School District with a value of \$3,250,000.

Ruth Garcia, representing the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association for Intermediate Unit #26, stated that she is one of 16 recalled itinerant counselors that cover 120 schools and 48,000 students. She stated that she is assigned to eight schools, four of which are high schools, two K-8 and two K- schools with a total of 3,700

students. Ms Garcia also stated that she has a caseload of 53 special needs students who have school-based counseling in their IEPs. Ms. Garcia expressed concerns about being able to do her job without the proper tools, i.e., cell phone, laptop computer. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky's question, Ms. Garcia stated that last year she had a caseload of 187 students. In response to Chairman Ramos, Dr. Hite stated that no one believes that the District has sufficient number of counselors. He stated that if the District continues with the current model and is not able to add more counselors, the District will explore the use of technology.

Terrilyn McCormick, Chair of the SAC at Penn Alexander School, stated that parents are treated like a hostile enemy. She stated that it's time for a reform that puts parents at the table as valued participants in determining and shaping the education of our children.

Jay Cohen stated that there needs to be conversation about: how much the universities and hospitals contribute to public education in Philadelphia; how much money the City of Philadelphia spends on public schools; charter schools; about disruptive children in classrooms and how their behavior is impacting the learning of other students; and the makeup of the School Reform Commission.

Cecilia Thompson, parent advocate, expressed concerns about an article she read in the Notebook which stated that the High School Fair may be cancelled due to lack of funding. Dr. Hite stated that the District has made requests for help to fund the High School Fair. Chairman Ramos stated that facility costs were a major expense for the Fair. He also stated that the High School Fair came to be as an equity initiative to increase the access to special admission programs. It was to remove barriers to entry. Commissioner Houstoun stated that thought should be given around how the Fair is organized.

Chairman Ramos introduced Deputy Mayor and Commerce Director Alan Greenberger who provided a presentation on the Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ) and Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) represented in resolutions SRC-3 and SRC-4. Mr. Greenberger provided an overview of the history of KOZs and the current request. He stated that the City of Philadelphia seeks the creation of three new KOZs that cover 14 different development sites and a time extension of 7 existing KOZ sites. The State requires that the School District as a local taxing authority approve the plan prior to submission of the KOZ application. Mr. Greenberger stated that current payments made to the School District for the proposed KOZ sites total \$1.7 million annually. He stated that all privately owned properties will be required to enter into a payment plan as a part of their participation in the KOZ program that increase the annual revenues to the School District to approximately \$1.9 million. Mr. Greenberger stated that the revenues to the School District would increase by \$200,000 per year, representing a \$2 million increase over the life of the program. Mr. Greenberger confirmed Commissioner Dworetzky's assertion that the School District would receive an extra \$200,000 a year over the term of the KOZ. Commissioner Dworetzky suggested comparing the \$200,000 per year benefit against the possibility that if the sites were developed without the School District's participation, the District could receive as much as \$4.66 million per year. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the question now becomes an analysis of how likely it is that the development will occur without the School District's participation in the KOZ. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky's question, Mr. Greenberger stated that he did not know whether someone on behalf of the School District has done that analysis. Mr. Greenberger stated that he liaised with the School District Finance Committee and Senior Staff. Mr. Greenberger confirmed Chairman Ramos' assertion that economic development and tax policy and strategy and how much local taxes are directed at the School District is a function of City Council and the Mayor. Mr. Greenberger stated that Keystone Opportunity Zones have historically been properties that have been vacant for a long time or are underperformers. In response to Commissioner Houstoun, Mr. Greenberger confirmed that if the School District declines to participate, the KOZ does not happen. With regard to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, Mr. Greenberger stated that the City is requesting approval of a TIF for a \$280 million, 700 room Headquarter Hotel that is proposed at the corner of 15th and Chestnut Streets on a site that has been a parking lot for nearly 20 years. He stated that the proposed project is intended to provide the City with another convention headquarter hotel that is essential to support the expanded Convention Center in its efforts to attract more business, jobs and tax revenues to the City and School District. The hotel is projected to support over 1,800 construction jobs and 450 permanent jobs. Mr. Greenberger stated that if the site remained undeveloped and continued as a parking lot, the School District would receive approximately \$60,000+ per year in use and occupancy tax and real estate tax or over a twenty year period \$1.5 million. By contrast, with the hotel in place, the School District would receive \$630,000 in the first year of the hotel operation, growing to \$1 million in the twentieth year or accumulatively a total of \$13.8 million over the same twenty year period. Mr. Greenberger confirmed Commissioner Dworetzky's assertion that the benefit to the School District from the TIF is \$12.3 million and if the project were done without the TIF the School District would receive an additional \$15 million. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the question is whether it is better to take the \$12.3 million or hold out on the assumption and hope that someone else will do the same type of project without the TIF. Mr. Greenberger stated that this hotel will not happen without public financing. In response to Dr. Pritchett, Mr. Greenberger stated that this is the first TIF project in ten years. The two major hotel projects that operated under a TIF have included the Loews and Marriott Hotels as well as the 52nd Street Shopping Center. In response to Chairman Ramos, John Grady stated that the TIF would generate \$6 million of additional revenue over what you would get with the tax abatement scenario. The tax abatement burns off in ten years. State law requires School District approval prior to City Council having public hearings and adopting a final resolution.

Matthew Stanski, Chief Financial Officer and Christina Ward, Deputy Chief Financial Officer responded to a series of questions from Commissioner Dworetzky. Mr. Stanski agreed with Commissioner Dworetzky's assertion that the City and School District are two different legal entities and it is the School District's responsibility to look at matters like this from the perspective of the School District. He stated that much of the work was done by Chris Ward and started in late April through the summer. Mr. Stanski stated that there were "work papers", which he agreed to provide to Commissioner Dworetzky at his request. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, both Mr. Stanski and Ms. Ward stated that they did not have expertise in economic development. And that they did visit the sites. Ms. Ward stated that she did not agree with all the assumptions made in the analysis by the City. She also stated that she did not consult with the Office of General Counsel or outside financial analysts. Ms. Ward stated that

she did not receive the net present value calculations. In response to Chairman Ramos, Ms. Ward stated that the first TIF she worked on was in 1996-97. Ms. Ward responded affirmatively to Dr. Pritchett's assertion that the proposed TIF gives more tax benefits to the School District than earlier TIF proposals that the School Reform Commission/School Board has approved.

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

Referencing resolutions SRC-1 and SRC-2 which have been withdrawn by staff, Chairman Ramos stated that "in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act, and the published notice of these resolutions, the vote on the resolutions is intended to occur at a meeting of the School Reform Commission to be held within 30 days." He stated that the resolutions relate to letters of credit that the School District is negotiating with banks. The administration has requested additional time to complete the negotiations.

I. SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

SRC-1

Withdrawn by Staff

SRC-2

Withdrawn by Staff

SRC-3*

Authorization of Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)/Expansion Zones (KOEZ)/Improvement Zones (KOIZ)
WHEREAS, the General Assembly has enacted Act No. 79 of 2008 (the "Act"), amending Act No. 92 of 1988, the Keystone Opportunity Zone Act authorizing certain exemptions, abatements, credits and deductions of certain state taxes in certain deteriorated areas of the Commonwealth, known as Keystone Opportunity Zones ("KOZ"), Expansion Zones ("KOEZ"), and Improvement Zones ("KOIZ"), in order to promote development and job formation; and

WHEREAS, the Act makes the forgoing exemptions, abatements, credits and deductions of state taxes contingent on the grant of certain exemptions, abatements, credits and deductions by all local taxing authorities with taxing jurisdiction over the affected deteriorated area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Director of Commerce of the City of Philadelphia previously applied to the Commonwealth, pursuant to the Act, to designate certain deteriorated areas of the city of Philadelphia Keystone Opportunity Zones, Expansion Zones and Improvement Zones, and to extend the duration of certain previously-designated zones, and to subject such areas to the exemptions, abatements, credits and deductions authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed SB 1237, Act No. 16 of 2012, which modified the existing KOZ legislation by adding a ten (10) year extension of the term for unoccupied KOEZ and KOIZ parcels, by expanding the exiting zones for contiguous vacant or underutilized parcels and the designation of up to 15 new KOEZs statewide; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved and the Mayor has signed Bill No. 130458-A which provides for the exemptions, abatements, credits and deductions required by the Act in order to qualify for the designations, extensions and creations of new KOEZS referenced above and as specifically set forth on the attached property lists, Schedules 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that all taxing authorities with jurisdiction over a proposed Keystone Opportunity Zone, Expansion Zone or Improvement Zone enact an ordinance or resolution to be included with the City's application to the Commonwealth, providing for exemptions, abatements, credits and/or deductions from certain taxes within the Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Act specifically requires all real property tax imposed on real property within the zones be abated, and that no tax shall be imposed on the use or occupancy of real property within the Zones, all subject to certain conditions set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the School Reform Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to make additional designations and implement the extensions referenced above and to provide for the aforementioned abatements, credits, exemptions and deductions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that subject to City Council Bill No. 130458-A and subject to and contingent upon approval by the Commonwealth of the extended and additional designations, all real estate taxes imposed on real property located in the Zones are abated, and a person or business subject to realty use and occupancy tax with respect to real property located within the Zones may claim one hundred percent (100%) exemption from such tax, all subject to the conditions set forth in Bill No. 130458-A; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing abatements and exemptions shall be effective and irrevocable for the periods set forth in Bill No. 130458-A, all contingent upon approval of the extended and additional designations: and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Zones shall be defined as encompassing the geographical areas designated by the Commonwealth, in accordance with The City of Philadelphia's application for designation and extension pursuant to the Act, which application shall include all or less than all of the geographical areas contained in the Ordinance, a copy of which is on file with the Commission: provided that no property other than property that is publicly-owned at the time of the City's application shall be included in the Zones unless the owner of such property shall have

entered into an agreement with the School District providing for the maximum payments allowable under Section 310 of Act 1998-92, as amended by Act 2008-79; 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 "Payments in Lieu of Tax" Agreements ("PILOTs") which PILOTs shall be separate agreements between the School District and the property owners and between the City and property owners to hold the School District harmless for the loss of certain tax payments up to the legal amount permissible.

Commissioner Dworetzky stated that he objects to the process and not the two proposals. He stated that he thinks the City has a different mindset, view, obligation and focus than the School District. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the School District needs to make its own analysis. He stated that he recommended that the District engage an outside consultant and have the applicant for the tax benefits pay for it. Commissioner Dworetzky stated that the School District has not done enough to evaluate the assumptions.

Dr. Pritchett stated that he understands and agrees with Commissioner Dworetzky's concerns, but feels that the staff has evaluated the project and that the Finance Committee has spent a lot of time discussing the project. He stated that as a result of the discussions, a better deal has been negotiated. Dr. Pritchett stated that it will improve the tax base for the School District.

Chairman Ramos stated that he is in favor of both proposals.

The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

**Property Lists are on file with the minutes of the School Reform Commission.*

SRC-4

Withdrawn by Staff

SRC-5

Agreement to Participate in the Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing District

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") proposes that the Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing District ("District") be created by the Council of the City of Philadelphia to encourage Chestlen Development, LP to construct an approximately 780,000 square foot 700-room hotel including a 240-room W Hotel and 460-room Element by Westin; and

WHEREAS, PAID has made a formal presentation of the Project Plan for the District to the School Reform Commission, the governing body of The School District of Philadelphia ("School District"); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the School District, as its designated representative, has met with PAID to discuss the creation of the District, the project plan and the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 5(a)(7) of the Tax Increment Financing Act requires the governing body of a school district within the boundaries of a proposed tax increment district to agree, by resolution, to participate in whole or in part in the tax increment district; and

WHEREAS, the School Reform Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to participate in whole in the proposed Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing District; now, be it

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, to participate, in whole, in the Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing District if it should be created by the Council of the City of Philadelphia in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11, 1990 (P.L. 465, No. 113), as amended, in an area generally bounded by Ranstead Street on the north, the western-most wall of the Ritz Carlton hotel on the east, Chestnut Street on the south, and 15th Street on the west; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the final Project Plan be placed on file with the minutes of the School Reform Commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, to execute and deliver all documents and do all things necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

II. EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Capital Programs

A-1

Capital Fund/QZAB: \$65,677 Authorization of Net Cost 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 cost to the School District not to exceed \$65,677.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-2

Authorization of Pre-Qualification of Prime Construction Contractors

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission approves the twentieth School District of Philadelphia's Office of Capital Programs classification and pre-qualification process resulting in an additional five Prime Construction Contractors delineated on the attached Exhibit "A" and the fourteenth re-classification and re-qualification process resulting in twenty-five re-qualified Prime Construction Contractors as delineated on the attached Exhibit "B".

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-3

Capital Fund: \$2,500,000 Contracts with Promatch, Inc., Adcon Consultants, Inc., and Hudson Companies – Professional Supplemental Cost Estimating and Claims Analysis Services

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform separate indefinite demand/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts with Promatech, Inc., Adcon Consultants, Inc., and Hudson Companies, to provide professional supplemental cost estimating & claims analysis services, for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2016, or until funds are exhausted.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-4 (REVISED)

Capital Fund: \$2,500,000 Contracts with Various Vendors – Professional HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection and Electrical Design Services

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform separate indefinite demand/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts with Princeton Engineering Services PC (MBE), Arora Engineers, Inc. (MBE), CSA Central, Inc. (MBE), Environetics Design, Inc., Brinjac Engineering, and Adcon Consultants, Inc. (MBE) to provide supplemental professional HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Electrical Design Services for a contract period from September 20, 2013 up to September 19, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, and be it

~~FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to allow payments from the above requested amounts to fulfill existing obligations to the following (4) firms who are currently under contract to provide the professional supplemental professional HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection and Electrical Design Services under the existing IDIQ Contract:~~

~~Maitra Associates, Inc. (MBE) Contract 1035/F10~~

~~Pennoni Associates, Inc. Contract 1051/F10~~

~~United Consultants (MBE) Contract 122/F11~~

~~Wick, Fisher, White Contract 180/F11~~

Commissioner Dworetzky questioned whether the "Further Resolved" paragraph is a ratification of an obligation. Leigh Clark, Capital Programs, stated that the contracts expired the end of the fiscal year, but continued to do work even though they did not have a contract. She stated that the School District owes them money. The companies in question did not qualify for future contracts.

Chairman Ramos suggested taking action on resolution A-4 without the "Further Resolved" paragraph.

The vote on the revised resolution A-4 was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-5

Capital Fund: \$2,220,300 Contracts with Batta, Inc., KEM, Inc., Vertex, Inc., TTI, Inc., G&C, Inc., Synertech, Inc., ETC, Inc., and USA, Inc. – Professional Environmental Design and Testing Services
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 Batta Environmental Associates, Inc. (MBE), KEM Partners, Inc. (WBE), Vertex, Inc., TTI, Inc., G&C Environmental, Inc., (MBE), Synertech, Inc., AET, Inc., Criterion, Inc., ETC, Inc., and USA Environmental, Inc., to provide professional environmental design and testing consulting services, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,220,300, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-6

Operating Budget: \$1,300,000 Contract Amendments with Brinkerhoff, Inc., Clean Venture, Inc., EMT, Inc., KEM Partners, Inc. and TTI, Inc. – Professional Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Consulting Services

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 separate contracts to provide professional hazardous materials and hazardous waste management consulting services originally entered in to with Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. Contract No. 806/F13), Clean Venture, Inc. (Contract No. 807/F13), Environmental Management Technologies, Inc. (Contract No. 808/F13), KEM Partners, Inc. (Contract No. 809/F13) and TTI Environmental, Inc. (Contract No. 810/F13), pursuant to Resolution No. A-5, approved by the School Reform Commission on June 19, 2013, by extending the terms of the contracts from their original scheduled expiration date of September 30, 2013 through June 30, 2015, and by increasing the aggregate amount of the contracts by an additional \$1,000,000 from the \$300,000 approved in Resolution A-5, to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Facilities Management and Services

A-7

Approval of License Agreement with Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus for Staff Parking Lot

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Chief Executive Officer or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a license agreement with Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus for the parking lot at Simon Gratz High School located at 1798 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140, for a twelve month period commencing on September 1, 2013 and ending on August 31, 2014, at a rate of \$12,000.00 per year, payable at the monthly rate of \$1,000.00, with an option to renew on an annual basis, under mutually agreed upon terms and conditions. Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus will be responsible for snow removal and all necessary improvements to the site, including, but not limited to fencing, striping of parking spaces, surface repairs, security at the entrance/exit gate, and 100 percent of any and all taxes assessed and imposed upon the School District and/or on the income received by the School District by virtue of the license agreement. Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus will also be required, at its own expense, to obtain and maintain in effect for the term of the license agreement adequate insurance coverage naming the School District as an additional insured. The School District may terminate the license agreement upon thirty (30) days advance notice. The other terms of the license agreement must be acceptable to the School District's Office of Real Property Management, Office of General Counsel and the Office of Risk Management.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-8

General Fund: \$2,000,000 Contract with Applied Data Systems, Inc., - Computerized Maintenance Management System and Related Components

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 Applied Data Systems, Inc., for its Computerized Maintenance Management System and related components to manage maintenance and custodial requirements, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2018, with two (2) one-year options to renew.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

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| MONICA CRUZ | TEACHER, FULL TIME | CONWELL, RUSS | 08/06/13 |
| RALPH DARDIGNAC | SCHOOL COUNSELOR, 10 | ROOSEVELT, TH | 08/26/13 |
| KEITH FORD | SCHOOL COUNSELOR, 10 | CONWELL, RUSS | 08/26/13 |
| GREGORY FRISON | TEACHER, FULL TIME | PRATT, ANNA B | 07/01/13 |
| KALIPH HICKS | BUS ATTENDANT | SWENSON ARTS/ | 06/15/13 |
| COURTNEY JOHNSON | BUDGET OPERATIONS AS | GRANTS COMPLI | 08/12/13 |
| TAMEEKA MATHIS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | BRYANT, WILLI | 08/26/13 |
| KERIANN PAINTER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | PENNELL, JOSE | 08/08/13 |
| TORRENCE ROTHMILLER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | MC MICHAEL, M | 08/26/13 |
| BRETT SHIEL | DEPUTY, TEACHER EFFE | HR ADMINISTRA | 08/05/13 |
| STEVEN TURNER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | WRIGHT, RICHA | 08/26/13 |

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN TERMINATED

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| JUAN ACEVEDO | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/28/13 |
| MELISSA ALEXANDER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| RONALD BELLOFF | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| APRIL BERGMAN | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 11/08/12 |
| MICHAEL BIONDO | GENERAL CLEANER, 8 H | | 08/23/13 |
| ANDREA BORIS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| LAUREN BRITTINGHAM | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/30/13 |
| KRISTIN BURLAGE | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| ALEX CHACONAS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| MICHAEL CHAPMAN | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| JESSICA COLDREN | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| SHANNON CROWLEY | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| KRISTEN DAVIDSE | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| MONIQUE DEVAUGHN | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| KATHERINE DIFFENDERFER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| LAURA ELLIS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| KELLY FARMER | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| SARAH FLEMING | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| CATHERINE FOX | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| GREGORY FRISON | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| JACKLYN GANZ | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| JESSE HALLOWELL | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 04/04/13 |
| KERRY HEIM | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| MARIANNE JENNINGS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| LISA LASKA | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| JOHN MALEWICH | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| ANTHONY MARCOLONGO | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| LAUREN MCCAFFREY | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| DAVID MCFADDEN | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| WILLIAM MCKENZIE | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| CARLA MILLER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| NICOLE MILLER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 08/20/13 |
| JENNIFER O'DONNELL | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| KERIANN PAINTER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 08/11/13 |
| LUIZ PEREIRA | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| SEAN PLUNKETT | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| JAMES ROLSTON | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 08/20/13 |
| KATHLEEN ROMANO | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| HORACE ROONEY | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/30/13 |
| JENLEY SCHILLOW | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| NICHOLE SKOCHINSKY | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| GILLIAN SMJETANA | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| RICHARD STANIEC | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| THERESA STEVENS | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| RAYMOND TRALIE | TEACHER, SPEC EDUCATI | | 07/01/13 |
| CHARLETTE TUCKER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/01/13 |
| EMILY WALLNER | TEACHER, FULL TIME | | 07/30/13 |

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-13

Operating Budget: \$36,126 Contract with Richard Cecchine – Employee Grievance Hearings

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 Richard Cecchine to perform employee grievance mediation services, for an amount not to exceed \$36,126.00, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Naomi Wyatt, Chief Talent Officer, provided a copy of the job description. She stated that the individual is an annuitant. Ms. Wyatt stated that there are very few individuals that have the skills and experience to do the job. She stated that the District spent a number of months searching for people to do the job. In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Ms. Wyatt stated that she is satisfied that there is really no other viable candidate for the position.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Information Technology

A-14

Various Funds: \$795,000 Contract Amendment with Communities in Schools of Philadelphia, Inc. – Administration of IT Apprenticeship Program/Technology Maintenance and Support 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 #604B/F10, originally entered into with Communities in Schools of Philadelphia, Inc., pursuant to Resolution B7, approved by the School Reform Commission on December 16, 2009, and renewed pursuant to Resolution A-32 on June 19, 2013, to administer the District's Information Technology Apprenticeship Program and related technology maintenance and support services for up to thirty schools and alternative programs, FMP transition initiative, and two administrative offices, by increasing the authorized renewal amount of \$310,000 as approved under Resolution A-32, by an additional \$795,000, to an amended amount not to exceed \$1,105,000 for the period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Family and Community Engagement

A-15

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$80,000 Contract with Language Line Solutions – Supplemental Translation and Interpretation Services

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 Language Line Solutions to provide supplemental telephonic interpretation and translation, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through September 19, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Executive

A-16

Operating Budget: \$53,322 Payment Authorization to Council of Great City Schools – 2014 Annual Membership Dues

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to pay membership dues for fiscal year 2013-2014 to the Council of the Great City Schools for an amount of \$53,322.00, for the period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-17

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$3,000,000 Grant Acceptance from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to Philadelphia's Children First Fund – Carnegie Opportunities by Design Challenge Initiative

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 Philadelphia's Children First Fund, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, to support implementation of the Carnegie Corporation of New York Opportunity by Design Challenge Initiative Grant, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016.

In response to Commissioner Dworetzky, Paul Kihn, Deputy Superintendent, stated that the \$3 million grant is to support the development of two new school designs. By accepting the grant, the School District would be agreeing to accepting money for this year to pay for two design teams to rethink fundamentally how high schools operate. At the end of the first year, the School District would than be considering establishing two new high schools. The School District would not be financially committed to the cost of opening two new high schools until discussed with the School Reform Commission.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

A-18

Donation: Acceptance of Design Services from Building 21 – Design of High School Model

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 design services from Building 21 to support research and development of a new, personalized, high school model, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Transportation Services

A-19

Capital Fund: \$76,634 Reimbursement of Expenses to Internetwork Services, Inc. for Fuel Management System Upgrade

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to pay Internetwork Services Inc. for the repair and upgrade of the fuel management system at School District fueling stations, pursuant to a contract with the City of Philadelphia for the benefit of the School District, for an amount not to exceed \$76,634.00, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Charter Schools

A-20 (FAILED)

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$50,000 Contract with Penn Project for Civic Engagement – Stakeholder Engagement to Support Policy Development

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 the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, Penn Project for Civic Engagement, to design and implement a large-scale stakeholder engagement process to gather feedback and recommendations to inform the development of proposed revisions to the School District's Charter Schools Policy, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period commencing September 24, 2013 through November 8, 2013.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Houstoun, Ms. Simms – 2

Nays: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

Abstentions: Dr. Pritchett, Mr. Ramos – 2

A-21

Authorization of License and Right of Entry Agreement with The Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates for the Spring Garden School Playground Mural Donation

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, by and through the Superintendent or his designee (i) to execute, deliver and perform a License and Right of Entry, and any other necessary documents, with Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates and/or its contractors to supervise the installation and construction of an approximately 1,900 square foot mural on the school yard at the Spring Garden School; and (ii) to execute, deliver and perform such other documents necessary to further the intent of this Resolution. The design, installation and construction of mural at the Spring Garden School must be acceptable to the Office of Capital Programs, the Department of Facilities and Operations, the Office of Risk Management and the Office of General Counsel.

In response to Commissioner Houstoun, Danielle Floyd, Capital Programs, stated that mural is being installed on the sidewalk. She stated that Mural Arts approached the school during the summer, as the original site for installation of the mural was no longer available. Ms. Floyd stated that the school embraces the installation. The Mural Arts Advocates will set up weekly arts programming for students at the school.

The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstention: Mr. Dworetzky – 1

III. EDUCATION SERVICES

Academic – Donations/Acceptances

B-1

Donation: \$323,700 Acceptance from Independence Blue Cross Foundation – IBC Foundation Healthy Futures Initiative

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 the programs and materials valued at \$323,700 from Independence Blue Cross Foundation in support of the IBC Foundation Healthy Futures Initiative to offer fitness, nutrition and other activities to promote healthy lifestyles, for the period commencing October 1, 2013, through July 31, 2016, in three elementary schools in The School District of Philadelphia.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-2

Donation: \$80,000 Acceptance from Blueprints for Healthy Development – Life Skills Training

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 Professional Development, technical assistance, materials and supplies, incentives and other related items, valued at \$80,000 from The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) by Altria Client Services on behalf of Philip Morris USA, John Middleton Co., and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC and the National Health Promotion Associates (NHPA) in support of the implementation of the research-based, Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development substance abuse, violence prevention and social skills curriculum, Life Skills Training, to ten schools with middle grades, for the period commencing October 1, 2013, through July 31, 2016.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-3

Donation: \$159,000 Acceptance from Special Olympics Project Unify – Sports Equipment, Uniforms, Training Materials and Equipment, Transportation and Special Olympics Support Staff

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 sports equipment, sports uniforms, training materials and equipment, transportation, Special Olympics staff support and other related items, valued at \$159,000 from Special Olympics Project Unify in support of the Project UNIFY program to offer sports training and competition opportunities, a So Get into It classroom curriculum, an anti-bullying/inclusion r-word campaign, and other activities to promote acceptance and inclusion, for the period commencing October 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-4

Gift: \$176,500 Ratification of Acceptance from Meredith Home and School Association – Staffing

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 gift of \$176,500 from the Meredith Home and School Association to fund a grade position teacher, for an amount not to exceed \$108,500, and to fund four SSAs positions for an amount not to exceed \$68,000 for the period commencing September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-5

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$510,000 Grant Acceptance from Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority/Contract with Philadelphia Academies, Inc. to provide Support Services to Hotel, Restaurant, Travel and Tourism Academies

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept a grant from the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, if awarded, of up to \$510,000.00, to provide resources to support education and training of students enrolled in the District's six (6) Hotel, Restaurant, Travel & Tourism Academies, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia,

through the Superintendent or his designee, contingent upon receipt of this grant, to execute, deliver, and perform a contract with Philadelphia Academies, Inc. to provide education and training support services to students enrolled in the District's six (6) Hotel, Restaurant, Travel and Tourism Academies, for an amount not to exceed \$510,000.00, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-6

IDEA: \$74,351 Acceptance from Elwyn Institute – Special Education Services for Kindergarten Students

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Chief Executive Officer or his designee, to accept IDEA 04, Section 619 pass-through grant funds from Elwyn, in the amount of \$74,351, for the purpose of providing special education services and related services for five-year old children with disabilities enrolled in kindergarten, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Chief Executive Officer or his designee, to execute and deliver all documents necessary to accept the additional funds.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-7

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$294,000 Grant Acceptance from the I am a Leader Foundation – Professional Development and Support

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent, or his designee, to accept with appreciation a grant from I am a Leader Foundation for services in an amount up to \$294,000 to provide professional development and support to institute school-wide transformational change at Cramp Elementary, Dobson Elementary, F.S. Edmonds Elementary, Meade Elementary, Wright Elementary and Ziegler Elementary, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-8

Gift: \$250,000 Ratification of Acceptance from 12+ - Kensington Health Services High School and Penn Treaty Middle/High School

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission ratifies the acceptance, with appreciation, by The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, of a gift valued at \$250,000 from 12+ to install student conference centers and to offer academic and meta-cognitive supports that will enhance the development of tenacity and resiliency skills of students at Kensington Health Services High School and Penn Treaty Middle/High School, for the period commencing July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

Academic – Contracts/Payments

B-9

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$24,300 Contract with Penn Literacy Network – Wister 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 a contract with the University of Pennsylvania through the Penn Literacy Network to provide Professional Development and Mentoring for teachers and the principal at Wister Elementary School, for an amount not to exceed \$24,300, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 through June 7, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Dr. Pritchett, Mr. Ramos – 2

B-10

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$44,900 Contract Amendment with AARP Experience Corps – Tutoring and Mentoring

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to amend the contract it intends to execute, deliver, and perform with AARP Experience Corps for the provision of school-based tutoring and mentoring services for children in Kindergarten to third grade during the period commencing September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, pursuant to Resolution No. B-14, approved by the School Reform Commission on August 22, 2013, by increasing the contract amount by \$44,900, for a total amended FY14 contractual amount not to exceed \$140,350.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-11

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$50,000 Authorization to Utilize Title I Funds for Assistance to Students

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to purchase and provide vouchers for school uniforms, gym uniforms, shoes, sneakers, coats, and mandatory school supplies to homeless students, as defined by the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period commencing September 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-12

Various Funds: \$4,259,115 Contracts with Renaissance Learning (\$2,539,875) and Pearson Learning (\$1,719,240) – Universal Screeners for Response to Instruction and Intervention – Subject to Funding

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 Renaissance Learning STAR Enterprise, for an amount not to exceed \$2,529,875 and with Pearson Learning Aimsweb, for an amount not to exceed \$1,719,240, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,259,115, to provide Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) math and literacy universal screeners, including professional development and technical support, to elementary and high schools at their request, subject to available funding from operating funds and/or grants, for the period commencing September 24, 2013 through August 26, 2016.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-13

Categorical/Grant Fund: \$676,779 Contracts with The Princeton Review (\$78,000); the International Center for Leadership in Education (\$98,770); Communities in Schools of Philadelphia, Inc. (\$500,000) – 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 The Princeton Review, for an amount not to exceed \$78,000, the International Center for Leadership in Education, for an amount not to exceed \$98,779, and Communities in Schools of Philadelphia, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$600,000, to provide staff professional development, instructional support, support to students and parents, college admissions preparatory services in seven high schools, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$776,779, for the period commencing September 23, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-14

Categorical/Grant Fund: No Cost Extension of Tuition Reimbursement to LaSalle University – ESL Certification Program

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to amend the authorization of tuition reimbursement to LaSalle University for ESL Certification program, approved pursuant to Resolution B-27, approved by the School Reform Commission on August 16, 2012, by extending the term of the reimbursement from the original scheduled expiration date of December 30, 2013 through July 31, 2014, at no additional cost.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

B-15

Categorical/Grant Fund \$100,000 Acceptance of Benefit of Grant from Impact 100 Philadelphia/\$100,000 Acceptance of Donation of Services from Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia

RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept with appreciation, the benefit of a grant not to exceed \$100,000 from IMPACT 100 Philadelphia, as grantor, to Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, as grantee, to be used to provide anti-violence education programming and trauma-informed therapeutic services to eight schools, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 and ending July 30, 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission authorizes The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept the donation of services from Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, valued at approximately \$100,000, to provide training and supportive services to teachers, school personnel, students, and parents in eight schools, for the period commencing October 1, 2013 and ending July 30, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Nays: 0

The meeting was recessed at 7:49 p.m. to move to the Intermediate Unit business meeting and reconvened at 7:50 p.m., following the conclusion of the Intermediate Unit meeting.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pedro A. Ramos, Esq.
School Reform Commission Chairman

William E. Hite, Jr.
Superintendent

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A meeting of the School Reform Commission sitting as the Board of the Intermediate Unit was held on September 23, 2013 in the Auditorium of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 7:49 p.m. by Chairman Ramos

Members present: Mr. Dworetzky, Ms. Houstoun, Dr. Pritchett, Ms. Simms, Mr. Ramos – 5

Members absent: 0

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

IU-1

Operating Budget: \$50,000 Contract with University of Pennsylvania – Philly AIMS Coordinated Training
RESOLVED, that the School Reform Commission acting in its capacity as Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Intermediate Unit, authorizes Intermediate Unit #26, through the Acting Executive Director or his designee, to execute, deliver and perform a contract with the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, to provide ongoing staff development and consultation on the implementation of the Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research (STAR) curriculum and intervention strategies in kindergarten through fifth grade autism support classrooms, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period commencing August 22, 2013 through October 31, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Dr. Pritchett, Mr. Ramos – 2

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pedro A. Ramos, Chairman
School Reform Commission

William E. Hite, Jr.
Superintendent