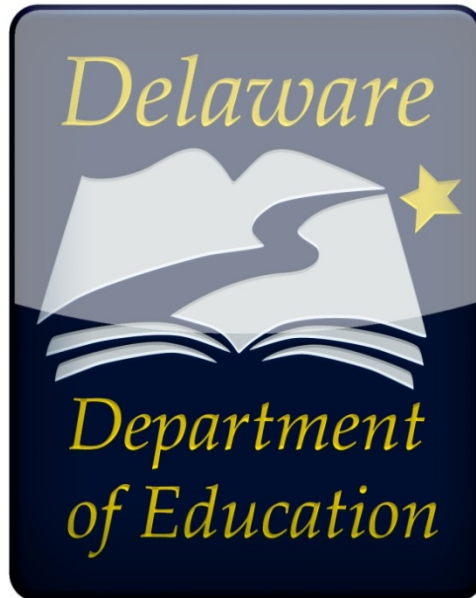


CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



New Maurice J. Moyer Academy

MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION

FINAL REPORT

CSAC Meeting: January 29, 2014

CSAC Initial Report Published: February 24, 2014

CSAC Final Meeting: March 24, 2014

CSAC RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

In July 2013, Governor Jack Markell signed H.B. 165 into law, bringing sweeping changes to Delaware's existing charter school laws. This legislation included a number of provisions to strengthen the application process for charter school modifications.

Per 14 Del. C. §511(e), the first Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC) meeting provided the applicant an opportunity in for an interview in support of the application, and provided the members of the Charter School Accountability Committee and the Delaware Department of Education with an opportunity to assess applicant capacity, allow the applicant to clarify information provided in the application, and gather additional information. The applicant was provided with an Initial Report that detailed areas of follow-up, and/or concerns identified by members of the CSAC during the Initial Meeting. The applicant then submitted a response to the Initial Report, which is considered part of the application.

After reviewing the response to the Initial Report, CSAC holds a Final Meeting to issue a recommendation on whether the application should be approved. This Final Report details CSAC's recommendation and any outstanding concerns about the application.

The following were in attendance at the Final Meeting of the CSAC on March 24, 2014:

Voting Committee Members of the Charter School Accountability Committee

- David Blowman, Deputy Secretary of Education, DDOE (Chair to the Committee)
- Tasha Cannon, Deputy Officer Talent Recruitment, Selection and Strategy, Teacher & Leader Effectiveness Unit (TLEU), DDOE
- Karen Field Rogers, Associate Secretary, Financial Reform & Resource Management, DDOE
- Dale Smith, Education Associate/NAEP State Coordinator, Office of Assessment, DDOE (proxy for April McCrae)
- Michelle Whalen, Education Associate, Office of Exceptional Children, DDOE (proxy for Barbara Mazza)

Staff to the Committee (Non-voting)

- Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Committee
- Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Jennifer Carlson, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE

Ex-officio Members (Non-voting)

- Kendall Massett, Executive Director, Delaware Charter School Network
- Donna Johnson, Executive Director, Delaware State Board of Education

Representatives of the Charter School

- Christopher T. Curry, Board President, New Maurice J. Moyer Academy

- Keith Stephenson, K12 Inc.
- Nikia Wongus, Business Manager, New Maurice J. Moyer Academy

Section A: Core Questions

The applicant has adequately addressed the concerns noted in the CSAC Initial Report.

Section B: Enrollment Plan

The applicant has adequately addressed the concerns noted in the CSAC Initial Report.

Appendix A: Funding Summaries & Annual Budgets

The applicant has adequately addressed the concerns noted in the CSAC Initial Report.

Conclusion:

A motion was made and seconded that the application be recommended for approval. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Blowman articulated the next steps in the new application process as follows:

- The CSAC Final Report would be issued to the applicants no later than March 28, 2014. As Mr. Blowman had earlier informed the applicant, the CSAC Final Report would be based on the application as a whole, including the original application submitted, the response to the CSAC's initial report and the comments made by the applicant during the CSAC meetings.
- The applicant's final public hearing would be held on April 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Cabinet Room in the Townsend Building.
- The process would conclude with the State Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2014 where Secretary Murphy will present his decision on the application.