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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 14, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Board Committee on Charter Schools

FROM: Carole Smith, Superintendent 

RE: Opal Charter School

The Opal Charter School (Opal) is a five-year charter school that expires June 30, 2011. Opal delivered its request for renewal of its charter agreement on January 1, 2011. On March 1, 2011, the Committee on Charter Schools held a public hearing on Opal's request for renewal. District staff reviewed Opal's

request for renewal and, based on the information provided, recommended that the Board approve the renewal process. The renewal process should be completed annually and at any point between five and 10 years, either party can request that the renewal process be initiated.

I have reviewed the information presented in the staff review and recommendation and information from the public hearing. I concur with the staff report and recommend that the District negotiate a five-year flexible charter contract with Opal that is consistent with ORS Chapter 338 and with District policies and that is in a form approved by the district's General Council. I recommend that the Board direct staff to implement the following in the renewed charter contract:

contract to reflect Opal's legal name.

- Ask for Opal's plan to attract a diverse population of students, and how the school provides and/or intends to provide culturally responsive content and curriculum
- Ask for Opal's plan to increase dissemination of best practices to include more PPS teachers and administrators



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Board Sub-Committee on Charter Schools

FROM: Superintendent Carole Smith

RE: Arthur Academy Public Charter School

On 1/12/2005, Board Sub-Committee on Charter Schools entered into a contract with Arthur Academy Public Charter School (AAPCS) for the operation of Arthur Academy Public Charter School (Arthur). The term of the contract was for three years and terminated on June 30, 2008. The contract was renewed for three years and terminated on June 30, 2011. Arthur delivered its request for renewal of its charter agreement on January 11, 2011. On March 1, 2011, the Committee on Charter Schools held a public hearing on Arthur's request for renewal. The Committee on Charter Schools reviewed the information provided by Arthur and recommended that the agreement with Arthur be renewed for a flexible term of no less than five years and not more than 10 years. The school would be reviewed annually and at any point between five and 10 years with an automatic request that the renewal process be initiated.

I have reviewed the information provided by the Board Sub-Committee on Charter Schools and the Committee on Charter Schools and recommend that the Board Sub-Committee on Charter Schools approve the renewal of the charter agreement with Arthur Academy Public Charter School for a flexible term of no less than five years and not more than 10 years.

Arthur's written plan for how it intends to ensure that 100% of its teaching staff in core subjects is Highly Qualified.

Arthur should provide evidence that each staff member has had a background check performed by ODE.

Report

Expenditure Contracts Exceeding \$25,000 and through \$150,000

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Amendment Amount, Contract Total	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Michael Willis Architects	02/28/11 through 09/30/11	Personal / Professional Services PS 57574 Amendment 2	Roosevelt Campus: Seven-month extension to contract for planning, community engagement, design, cost study, and additional services related to site planning effort.	\$23,330 \$48,180	S. Schoening Fund 405 Dept. 5511 Project C0100

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS ("IGAs")

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Multnomah Education Service District	12/01/10 through 08/14/11		Administrator, AdAdmiS74436ct -.0007 :14/11 8rce		

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Purchases, Bids, Contracts

The Superintendent RECOMMENDS adoption of the following items:

Numbers 4434 and 4435

RESOLUTION No. 4434

Revenue Contracts that Exceed \$25,000 Limit for Delegation of Authority

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Other Matters Requiring Board Action

The Superintendent RECOMMENDS adoption of the following items:

Numbers 4436 and 4437

RESOLUTION No. 4436

Resolution Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with the Portland Children's Museum for the
Operation of Opal Public Charter School

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- A. On April 30, 2001, Portland Public Schools entered into a contract with CM2 Opal Public Charter

- ii. Opal has a contingency plan in place if revenues are significantly less than or expenses are significantly more than projected, or if there is a significant

_RESOLUTION No. 4437

Resolution Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with Mastery Learning Institute for the
Operation of Arthur Academy Public Charter School

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progress toward state, District, and school standards and to inform Arthur's school improvement and accountability planning.

- b. Arthur will provide evidence satisfactory to the District that:
 - i. sources of donations and grants are reasonably assured, and that there is a plan in place for supplementing funds received from the State School Fund (SSF);
 - ii. Arthur has a contingency plan in place if revenues are significantly less than or expenses are significantly more than projected, or if there is a significant reduction in the SSF charter school rate; and that
 - iii. Arthur will amend and resubmit each school year's budget to the District when there are any significant changes to the SSF charter school rate.
- c. Prior to execution of the contract, Arthur will provide a written plan for how it intends to ensure that 100% of its teaching staff in core subjects is Highly Qualified.
- d. Prior to execution of the contract, Arthur will provide evidence that each staff member has had a background check performed by the Oregon Department of Education.
- e. Arthur will work with District staff to formulate a plan to increase dissemination of best practices for closing the achievement gap to include more PPS teachers and administrators.
- f. The contract with Arthur shall be for a flexible five-year term with the following provisions:
 - i. During the fifth year of the contract, the Board and/or the school will determine whether a renewal process is deemed necessary based on Arthur's ability to meet academic performance standards, its fiscal stability, its adherence with all applicable state laws, and its compliance with all terms of this contract.
 - ii. If the Board and/or the school determine that a renewal process is not necessary, then the term of the contract shall be extended by one year.
 - iii. If the Board and/or the school determine that a renewal process is necessary, then the renewal process will take place in that school year.
 - iv. The process described above may repeat annually until the 10th year of the contract, at which time the renewal proc