

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: April 23, 2015

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2835: Renewal of the Charter for
Yav Pem Suab Academy

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
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I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

Staff recommends approval of the renewal of the charter for Yav Pem Suab Academy (YPSA) for five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2020, to serve 420 students in grades K-6 each school year.

Yav Pem Suab Academy is a public, independent charter school located at 7555 South Land Park, Sacramento, CA 95831. Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) granted YPSA's charter petition for establishment on May 18, 2010 and approved the charter petition for a five-year term. The charter petition expires on June 30, 2015. The Charter School is currently in its fourth year of operation and serves about 420 students in grades K-6.

Sacramento City Unified School District received a charter renewal petition from YPSA on February 27, 2015. A public hearing was held to consider the level of support for the renewal of the charter for YPSA on March 19, 2015.

After reviewing the renewal petition, District Staff provided YPSA with a list of ten (10) areas that needed updates and/or clarification. In response, YPSA provided District Staff with a revised petition addressing Staff's concerns.

II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

As defined by Education Code Section §47607, after a charter school has been in operation for four years, a charter school shall meet one of the following criteria before receiving a charter renewal:

- 1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years;
- 2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years;
- 3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
- 4) The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend.

Due to the suspension of the majority of the California Standards Tests in 2013-14, YPSA does not have a 2014 Growth API. Schools that do not have a current year API calculation will use

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right to appoint a single representative to the Board of the Charter School. (Renewal Petition, p. 71.)

Staff has determined that the Renewal Petition complies with the Charter School's legal obligation to ensure the District's right to appoint a single voting representative to the Board of the Charter School.

b. Board of Directors

Revise and update the Renewal Petition to provide a detailed explanation as to why the Charter School has limited its governing board to such a low number of Directors.

The Renewal Petition has been revised to allow for an increase in the maximum number of Board members. (Renewal Petition, p. 71.) No amendments were made to increase the allowable minimum amount of Board members. However, Petitioners ensure that "having a three member board will not hinder the carrying out of business" in the event of multiple vacancies. ()

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The Renewal Petition has been revised to include a detailed explanation of the manifestation determination process that is aligned with the District's process. "YPSA intends to function as a public school of the Sacramento City Unified School District for purpose of providing special education and related services pursuant to Education Code section 47647, subdivision (b)." (Renewal Petition, p. 42.)

Staff finds the revisions to be reasonably comprehensive.

b.

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The Renewal Petition has been revised to include the following language:
“The dispute resolution process listed in this section shall not be a pre-requisite to the initiation of charter revocation proceedings under Education Code section 47607.” (Renewal Petition, p. 88.)

Staff has determined that the discussions regarding the Charter School’s dispute resolution process are reasonably comprehensive.

a. Contract Language

Revise and update the Renewal Petition to omit all language that indicates that the Renewal Petition is a contract.

Pursuant to District recommendation, the Renewal Petition has been revised to omit any and all language that indicates that the Renewal Petition is a contract between the Charter School and the District.

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