

RESOLUTION

(Denying Spectrum Academy Colorado's Charter School Application)

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Administration of Jefferson County School District No. R-1 ("District") received a charter school application ("Application") from Spectrum Academy Colorado ("School"); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Board of Education of the District ("Board") received the Application for study in accordance with District Policy LBD-R; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2.5) and due to the extenuating circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board and the School agreed to waive the statutory application deadlines; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1) and (1.5) and District Policies LBD, LBD-E, and LBD-R, District staff and the District Accountability Committee ("DAC") reviewed the Application using the District Evaluation Rubric ("Rubric") and provided comments and recommendations regarding the Application; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2020, in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2) and District Policy, the Board held a public meeting at which representatives of the School presented information about the Application and received and responded to questions from the Board; and

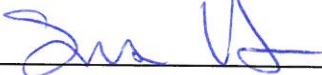
WHEREAS, the Board has considered (i) the Application, (ii) the comments and recommendations of the DAC and District staff, (iii) additional information provided by the School at the public meeting, (iv) the Charter Schools Act, and (v) District policies and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that denial of the Applications is in the best interests of the District, its students, and the community, and the Application is hereby denied, for the reasons set forth in the recommendations from District staff and the DAC, as well as the following reasons:

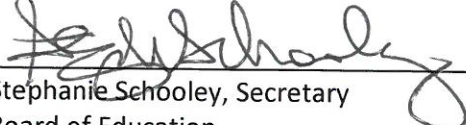
1. The School has not submitted evidence that the plan for its proposed school is economically sound. The School did not submit a 5-year balanced budget and its 2-year budget evidences that the School's financial viability is dependent on outside grants. The School's budget did not include
2. The School did not submit any evidence that an adequate number of parents and students support the formation of and intend to enroll in the School. The School did not submit marketing or outreach plan for targeting students to enroll in the School.
3. The Application does not meet the standards set forth in the Governance section of the Rubric. Specifically, the Application did not identify enough board members. The individuals identified as board members did not have a connection to Colorado and neither had students enrolled in or intending to enroll in the School.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2020.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

By: 
Susan Harmon, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

By: 
Stephanie Schooley, Secretary
Board of Education