

WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2

Resolution Approving a Charter School Contract with Merit Academy

WHEREAS, in September 2020, Merit Academy (“School”) submitted an Application for Charter to the School District, which the School District’s Board of Education (“Board”) denied; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021 the School opened as a K-8 school within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to a contract with Education ReEnvisioned BOCES; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2022, the Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the School, establishing a period of no longer than 90 days to complete and sign a charter contract for a term of five years to begin on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Parties further agreed in the MOU that reasonable pre-opening and operating conditions, to include finance, staffing, exceptional student services, enrollment, and educational program plans acceptable to the Board will be included in the charter contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to grant the School a charter for an initial term of five years, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. § 22-30.5-101 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have negotiated a charter school contract including the waiver of certain statutes requested by the School; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that approval of the Merit Academy Charter School Contract substantially in the form attached, together with the attachments to the Contract and the waiver of statutes, are consistent with the best interests of the School District, its students, and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Woodland Park School District RE-2 as follows:

1. That the Board grants the School a charter for an initial term of five years; and
2. That the Charter School Contract substantially in the form attached to this Resolution is approved for a five year term commencing July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027; and
3. That the School District and the School jointly submit the Charter School Waiver Request Form to the State Board of Education as may be required for the waiver of statutes listed on Attachment 6 to the Charter School Contract; and
4. That the officers of the Board as well as Superintendent Dr. Mathew Neal and his designee be and are hereby authorized to sign any other documents and take any other

actions as may be necessary to properly complete and file the Charter School Contract with the State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education and other documents to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

Adopted this _____ day of May, 2022.

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By: _____
David Rusterholtz
President, Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Education

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