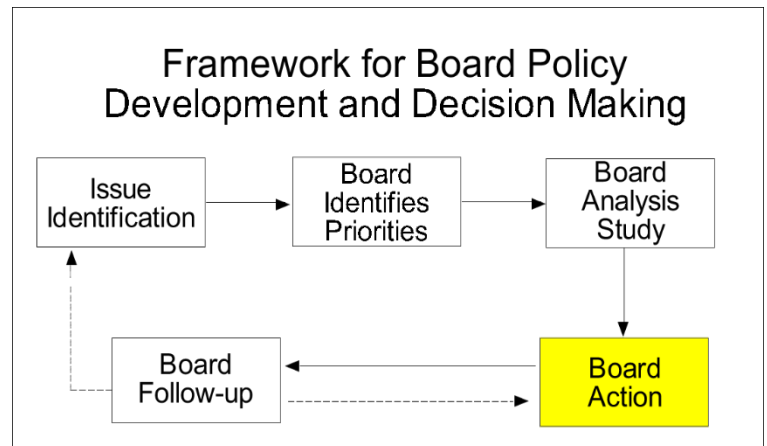


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

June 19, 2025



Agenda Item:	Horizon Science Academy Davenport Amendment Request
State Board Priority:	Goal 2
State Board Role/Authority:	The State Board of Education is the sole authorizer of Iowa charter schools 256E.1(4).
Presenter(s):	None – Consent Agenda
Attachment(s):	Two
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the State Board approve the amendment request for Horizon Science Academy Davenport.
Background:	<p>After authorization, “an enforceable and renewable charter school contract shall be executed between the founding group and the State Board setting forth the academic and operational performance expectations and measures by which the charter school will be evaluated,” pursuant to sections 256E.9 and 256E.10 and the other rights and duties of the parties 256E.6(1). As the authorizing agent for the State Board, the Department of Education has reviewed the charter school contract amendment request and provides a recommendation.</p> <p>Horizon Science Academy Davenport submitted contract amendment language, rationale, desired outcome, governing board approval and evidence of a public meeting.</p>

Iowa Charter School Amendment Request Form

Exhibit 1

The **Iowa Charter School Amendment Request Form** is completed by an authorized Charter School that requests consideration of a proposed contract amendment to the State Board of Education. To submit this document, make a copy and submit the completed form to charters@iowa.gov labeled: **Amendment Request Form_2025_NAME OF YOUR CHARTER**.

1. Requested Amendment

A. Cite existing contract language to be amended.	B. Provide specific proposed amended language.
2.4 Target Location. The School shall be established at 1730 Wilkes Ave, Davenport, IA 52804.	2.4 Target Location. The School shall be established at 2626 Boies Ave, Davenport, IA 52802.

2. Rationale

Describe the rationale for the language revision from 1A to 1B. Provide sufficient detail to explain the need for the amendment.

The facility on Wilkes Ave was rendered impractical due to the funds required to meet local municipal codes. The School secured the facility on Boies Ave as an alternate as prescribed in section **11.4 Impracticality of Use**.

3. Desired Outcome

Describe the desired outcome of the amendment.

The desired outcome is to amend the agreement by revising the address of the School facility, thus allowing the School to meet all other expectations of the agreement.

4. Best Practices

Describe how previous practices that led to the established contract language (1A) will change to support the current amended language (1B). How will the charter ensure effective implementation of the proposed amendment?

The School has secured assurances from the City of Davenport that the facility on Boies Ave meets the existing codes that were prohibitive at the Wilkes Ave location. The School has signed a letter of intention from the property owner of Boies Ave to lease the property and proceed with necessary renovations - similar in scope submitted in the budget.

5. Documentation

- The amendment is approved by the charter school governing board (meeting agenda and minutes reflecting approval of the amendment request - attachment labeled **GBAmendment Approval**)
- A public meeting with stakeholders addressing the proposed change/s to the charter contract (attachment labeled **PMAmendment**). Note that a designated public comment specific to the amendment on the governing board agenda may fulfill the public meeting requirement. Include names and roles of each individual that participated in public comment and a summary of their input.

TBD

Horizon Science Academy Davenport

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Date: 04/28/2025

Time: 5 pm

Location: 2626 Boies Ave., Davenport, IA 52802

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call
 - Anna Dominguez, Jordan Broyles, Alexandria Andrews, Serdar Kartal,
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Motioned A. Dominguez, Second: J. Broyles
 - Pass:3/3
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2. Public Comment

- Open floor for public comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of January 29th, 2025 meeting minutes
 - Motioned by A. Andrews, Seconded A. Dominguez
 - Pass: 3/3
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4. Facility Update

- Approval of the change of school address to:
2626 Boies Ave., Davenport, IA 52802

- Facility renovations and preparations update
 - Motioned: A. Dominguez, Second: A. Andrews
 - Pass: 3/3
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5. Superintendent's Report

- General updates on the HSA Davenport opening
 - Meeting Principal and Secretary
 - Enrollment updates
 - Marketing
 - 150K budget,
 - Google, youtube, TV, Facebook, postcards,
 - Yard signs, banners, Billboards,
 - Budget:
 - \$500K, charter startup grant, from Iowa State,
 - Community engagement efforts,
 - Fairs,
 - Staffing progress
 - Interviews happening,
 - IT/Technogly,
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6. Personnel Action

- Hiring Approval: **Founding Principal - Mrs. Shawn Smith Buettner**
 - Iowa State Administration license, Teaching experience in Davenport
 - Official Starting date: June 4th, 2025
 - Orientation,
 - Motioned: A. Andrews, Second: A. Dominguez
 - Pass: 3/3

7. Other Business

- May 17th, Open House,
- Chamber of Commerce,
 - Asked our office to register,
- Board Member from Quad Cities,
 - Serdar to share resume with the board,
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- June 17-18, Leadership summit, follow up with the board,
- Press release for the school,
- Contract: Lease with the church,

8. Adjournment at 5:46 pm,

Motined: A. Andrews, Second: J. Broyles

Pass: 3/3