

RESOLUTION 09-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATIONS FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS TO SERVE THE CITIES OF BELLE
ISLE AND EDGEWOOD AND UNINCORPORATED ORANGE
COUNTY AND AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
REGARDING OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SAME.

WHEREAS, the City Council by Resolution 09-07 resolved to explore the potential for starting a charter K-12 (or any subset thereof) in the area of Belle Isle, Edgewood, and unincorporated Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council by Resolution 09-07 resolved to endeavor to work with the faculty and parents of Pine Castle Elementary School to further the opportunity to create a charter school at Pine Castle Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to Resolution 09-07, commissioned Project Finance & Development, LLC (“PFD”) to investigate the feasibility of and community interest in creating a charter school to serve the residents of the City of Belle Isle and the City of Edgewood and unincorporated Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined, based on the report of PFD, that the creation of a charter school to serve the residents of the City of Belle Isle and the City of Edgewood and unincorporated Orange County would be both feasible and desirable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined, based upon the recommendation of PFD, to utilize the services of Academica Corporation for assistance in the preparation of charter school applications for new charter schools (to include grades K-12) and for conversion of Pine Castle Elementary School to a charter school; and

WHEREAS, any such applications must provide for the naming of a Founding Board, but may also provide for the manner of appointing and transitioning to a Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, applications for charter schools to open for the 2010-2011 school year must be submitted to Orange County Public Schools Board no later than August 3, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belle Isle, that:

1. The City Manager is hereby directed to coordinate with PFD and Academica Corporation to prepare applications (hereinafter “Belle Isle applications”) for new municipal charter schools (for grades K-8 and 9-12) and for a conversion charter school for Pine Castle

Elementary School to be submitted on behalf of the City of Belle Isle, as applicant, to Orange County Public Schools Board, as sponsor, on or before the August 3, 2009, deadline.

2. Residents of the City of Belle Isle and the City of Edgewood will be given preference in the charter schools' enrollment in accordance with 1002.33(15)(c)and(d), Florida Statutes.

3. The application for the conversion charter school will be submitted on behalf of the parents and teachers of the Pine Castle Elementary School, subject to the support of at least 50 percent of the teachers employed at the school and at least 50 percent of the parents voting, provided that a majority of the parents eligible to vote participate in the ballot process.

4. The City of Belle Isle shall endeavor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Edgewood, pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, said agreement to set forth the duties and responsibilities of each City with respect to the operation and management of any such school charters granted pursuant to the Belle Isle applications and to further provide for the powers, duties and qualifications of the Governing Board(s) thereof. Such interlocal agreement shall not conflict with any school charter approved pursuant to the Belle Isle applications.

5. The Belle Isle applications shall provide that the Founding Board of the charter school(s) (including the conversion school) shall consist of the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Belle Isle and shall also provide for a transition to a seven member Governing Board prior to the opening of the charter schools, accomplished via interlocal agreement between the cities of Belle Isle and Edgewood (anticipated in paragraph 4 herein), the membership of which shall include the Mayor of Belle Isle together with three members appointed by the City Council of the City of Belle Isle and three members appointed by the City of Edgewood. In the event an interlocal agreement between the cities is not entered, the Governing Board shall be appointed by the City of Belle Isle.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Belle Isle, Florida this _____ day of July, 2009.

WILLIAM G. BROOKS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MIRIAM RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

Approved as to legality:

John F. Bennett, City Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, MIRIAM RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk of the City of Belle Isle, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and legally passed and adopted by the Belle Isle City Council in session assembled, at which session a quorum of its members were present on the ___ day of _____, 2009.

MIRIAM RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk