Charter School Appeal Item: V. A.

Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy Charter School Appeal

The Background:

Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy submitted an initial charter application to Monroe County Schools on February 3, 2020. After reviewing the initial application, the Monroe County Schools Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at the regularly scheduled board meeting held on April 9, 2020.

On May 18, 2020, the sponsors of Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the June 11, 2020 meeting of Monroe County Schools Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On June 22, 2020, the sponsors of the Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy charter application appealed to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education Charter Application Review Committee (Review Committee) conducted a de novo on the record review of the amended application and held a capacity interview with the applicant on July 30, 2020. A virtual public hearing was held on July 16, 2020.

The Executive Director's recommendation is based on the review of the record, information presented at the public hearing, the public comment received, and the recommendation of the Review Committee on this appeal.

The Recommendation:

The Executive Director's recommendation will be provided prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING