RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS
Resolution No. 2025/26-48

Resolution to Approve with Conditions the
Renewal Petition for Pivot Charter School North Bay

WHEREAS, the approval of charter schools is governed by the Charter Schools Act of 1992, as subsequently amended, codified in Education Code sections 47600 *et seq.*, and the implementing regulations of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 C.C.R. § 11960 *et seq.*);

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2025, Santa Rosa City Schools ("District") received a petition to renew the charter ("Renewal Petition") for Pivot Charter School North Bay, an independent charter school that is currently authorized by Oak Grove Union Elementary School District ("Charter School");

WHEREAS, because the Charter School operates facilities within the boundaries of the District, it was required to either (1) obtain advance approval from the District to continue operating a facility within the District's boundaries prior to submitting a renewal petition to its current authorizer, or (2) submit a renewal petition to the District as a "continuing" charter school for review and consideration pursuant to Education Code sections 47605.1(c)(5) and 47612.7(b);

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Renewal Petition was held on October 22, 2025, at which time the District's Board of Education ("Board") considered the level of support for the Renewal Petition by teachers employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents/guardians;

WHEREAS, the District's Staff Renewal Report was published on December 2, 2025 which includes staff's proposed findings of fact based on its evaluation of the Renewal Petition and available student outcome data, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Board has convened on December 17, 2025 to consider whether to grant or deny the Renewal Petition;

WHEREAS, renewals of charters are governed by the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2;

WHEREAS, the consideration of a renewal petition requires the District to (1) determine whether the charter school meets applicable eligibility requirements using the accountability criteria under the law and reflected in the California School Dashboard, and (2) evaluate whether the renewal petition meets the standards and criteria set forth in Education Code section 47605;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47607 describes a three-tiered system that categorizes a charter school as a high-performing, middle-performing, or low-performing charter school. The designation of a charter school in a particular tier determines the level of review that the chartering authority must conduct to evaluate whether the charter school is eligible for renewal of its charter. However, these designations do not apply to a charter school that qualifies as a Dashboard Alternative School Status ("DASS") school;

WHEREAS, as a DASS-qualified school, and for purposes of determining whether the Charter School is eligible for renewal based on this designation, the District must consider the Charter School's performance on (1) the state and local indicators on the Dashboard, and (2) alternative metrics that are based on the student population served by the Charter School;

WHEREAS, the governing board of a school district shall not deny a petition unless it makes written factual findings specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school.

2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.

3. The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision (a) of Education Code section 47605. (*The signature requirement is not applicable to a renewal petition.*)

4. The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the required conditions.

5. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements.

6. The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act.

7. The charter school is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate. *(This finding is not applicable to a renewal petition.)*

8. The school district is not positioned to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school. *(This finding is not applicable to a renewal petition.)*

WHEREAS, a charter school's renewal petition may be denied pursuant to Education Code section 47607(c)(7) only upon making written findings that set forth specific facts to support the findings and determination that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of students;

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed, evaluated, and considered the Charter School's alternative metrics and corresponding academic performance data published on the Dashboard and provided by the Charter School as part of its Renewal Petition; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the Charter School has met the applicable criteria to be eligible for renewal, a summary of which is included in the Staff Renewal Report published on December 2, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Santa Rosa City Schools does resolve, determine, and order the following:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct.

2. The Board has considered the Renewal Petition of the Charter School, including its academics, finances, operations, and other components, in addition to the criteria for renewal set out in the Education Code.

3. The Board has considered, and approves of, the admissions preferences described in the Renewal Petition.

4. The Board hereby approves the Renewal Petition for a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2031, subject to the findings of fact set forth in the Staff Renewal Report published on December 2, 2025 and included in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

5. The Board directs District staff and the Charter School to develop a memorandum of understanding addressing the respective rights, roles, and obligations of the parties consistent with the authorizer-charter relationship, as well as the items in the Staff Renewal Report that require additional detail, clarification, and/or correction, which shall be approved by the respective governing boards of the parties prior to the commencement of the Charter School's renewal term on July 1, 2026. Items that require additional detail, clarification, and/or correction include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

    a. A comprehensive description of the Charter School's special education program that demonstrates a clear understanding of the Charter School's legal obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and corresponding state special education laws and regulations. This shall include the manner in which the Charter School will appropriately staff and effectively implement the special education program to ensure students are properly identified and receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment in a manner that comports with their respective individualized education programs. All decisions concerning a student's educational program (inclusive of placement, services, accommodations, modifications, and supports) shall be made by the student's IEP team—and not pursuant to the geographic location of the student's residence, availability of individual or group service

delivery options, or other considerations that are not based on the student's unique, individualized educational needs.

b. A set of updated measurable student outcomes that are aligned with the eight state priorities and include outcomes that are specifically designed address increases in student academic achievement and performance both schoolwide and for all student groups served by the Charter School. A description of these outcomes is a distinct element of a comprehensive charter petition and, as noted in the Staff Renewal Report, it is not sufficient to simply reference the Charter School's local control and accountability plan for this information.

c. A comprehensive description of the manner in which the Charter School will ensure compliance with applicable independent study requirements as a nonclassroom-based charter school.

6. The Board further directs District staff to meet and work with the Charter School's representatives to develop a new set of alternative metrics that are objectively measurable and designed to serve the educational needs of the Charter School's student population based upon its status as a DASS alternative school. Given the areas in need of improvement, the Board expects the Charter School to thoughtfully consider and identify measures to improve student performance in English Language Arts and mathematics; increase English Learner progress and reclassification rates; reduce chronic absenteeism and student transiency rates; and improve performance on the one-year graduation rate and college/career readiness indicators.

7. The Charter School shall not be authorized to expand operations to one or more sites not reflected in its Renewal Petition unless it submits a written request for a material revision to its charter that is approved by the District's Board in accordance with applicable Education Code requirements.

8. The Interim Superintendent or her designee is authorized and directed to take such action as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education on December 17, 2025, at a duly noticed meeting by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

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Lisa August Hulme, Interim Superintendent Board President