
Cumberland Academy Charter School

The Background:

Cumberland Academy Charter School submitted an initial charter application to Cheatham County Schools. After reviewing the application, the Cheatham County Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at a special called board meeting held on June 24, 2014.

On July 25, 2014, Cumberland Academy Charter School sponsors submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the August 19, 2014 meeting of the Cheatham County Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On August 28, 2014, sponsors of the Cumberland Academy Charter School appealed to the State Board of Education. A hearing was held on September 17, 2014 at the Cheatham County Board of Education. The State Board of Education Charter Application Review Committee conducted a de novo on the record review of the application and held a capacity interview with the applicant on September 8, 2014.

The Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends that the Board affirm the decision of the local board of education to deny the amended charter school application. This recommendation is based on the attached Findings and Recommendation of Dr. Nixon.