FOR DISCUSSION: First Reading: Proposed Policy 9505 – Charter Schools

Background Information

Attached for first reading is proposed Policy 9505 – Charter Schools. In April 2001, the Indiana General Assembly passed Indiana’s first Charter School Act. This law authorizes School Boards to sponsor Charter Schools. The procedure for applying for a Charter School is set forth in the attached application for a Non-Conversion Charter School. The policy will be reviewed by the Discussion Council and by principals and is presented at this meeting for Board first reading/discussion.

The process of bylaw and/or policy revision is delineated in Board Bylaw 0130.1, Functions. The Bylaw requires that in most circumstances policy changes be proposed at a previous meeting of the Board and then voted on in a subsequent meeting. The proposed changes will remain on the agenda until they are either accepted or rejected.