

RATIFY PAYMENT TO PINNACLE RESEARCH INCORPORATED

THE ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify payment to Pinnacle Research Incorporated.

DESCRIPTION: Ratification is requested for payment to Pinnacle Research Incorporated. The services of Pinnacle Research Incorporated were retained to provide complex investigative assistance regarding allegations of test cheating at Chicago Public Schools. These services were retained without prior Board approval due to the need for immediate investigation regarding testing at schools where the allegations indicated a possibility of cheating on a systemic basis.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: Charge \$100,000 to Law Department - General Education Fund - Legal and Supportive Services Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2003 0014-210-000-1011-5410

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

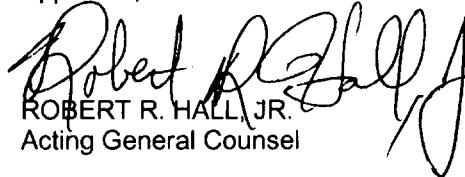
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

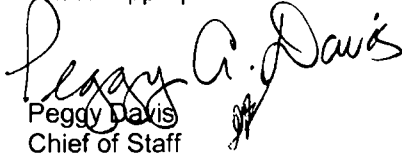
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved,


ROBERT R. HALL, JR.
Acting General Counsel

Within Appropriation:


Peggy Davis
Chief of Staff