

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CENTER FOR URBAN SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
(JOHN FISKE SCHOOL)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with the University of Chicago Center for Urban School Improvement to provide consulting services to John Fiske School at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00, of which \$23,333.00 has been paid. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its 15 year-experience serving as an external partner to South Side CPS schools. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No further payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

CONSULTANT: The University of Chicago Center for Urban School Improvement
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Vendor #46979

USER: John Fiske School
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Contact: Cynthia Miller, Principal
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on September 1, 2004 and end June 30, 2005.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Consultant will provide professional development to Fiske teachers and leaders focused on balanced literacy instruction.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide the faculty feedback on their literacy practices after each of four instructional walkthroughs organized and facilitated by the Consultant.

Consultant selected teachers who will 1) participate in inquiry groups organized and facilitated by the for a total of eight half-days, with initial focus on reader's response and subsequent focus on conferencing, embedded assessment, and mini-lessons; and 2) observe and debrief with teachers in other schools at least four times.

At least one lead teacher will 1) participate in eight Consultant-arranged and facilitated professional development meetings with Literacy Coordinators from other schools; and 2) receive coaching and feedback from the Consultant for the equivalent of eight days.

The principal will have the option of 1) receiving one-on-one consultation with the consultant on instructional walkthroughs, literacy instruction, and management issues having to do with supporting literacy instruction for the equivalent of four days; and 2) participating in a study group with other principals that meets eight times for three hours at a time.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in evaluation ratings and comments indicating: 1) teacher participation in ongoing professional development focused on balanced literacy, 2) greater teacher awareness of how student learning is enabled by the balanced literacy approach to instruction, 3) demonstrated teacher willingness to learn and engage in selected balanced literacy practices in their classrooms, and 4) demonstrated teacher capacity to give colleagues comments and feedback on their balanced literacy practices.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid upon invoicing, for a maximum of \$70,000.00 of which \$23,333.00 has been paid.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE plan) this contract is exempt from review because the consultant is a University.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Fiske School on June 9, 2005.

FINANCIAL: Charge to John Fiske School: \$70,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005.

Budget Classification: 3360-234-703-6211-5410 \$60,000 Source of Funds: SGSA
*Partial Payment of \$23,333.00 has been paid to consultant. P.O. Number 822304
*\$13,334.00 has been encumbered under Requisition Number 5246408
*\$23,333.00 has been encumbered under Requisition Number 5246345

Budget Classification: 3360-242-021-6211-5410 \$10,000 Source of Funds: NCLB
*\$10,000.00 has been encumbered under Requisition Number 5246338

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.

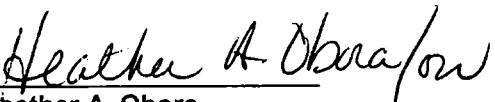
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one- year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be 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 for Consideration:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



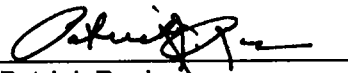
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel