

**RATIFY THE PARTICIPATION OF WESTINGHOUSE CAREER ACADEMY STUDENTS
IN AN END-OF-YEAR SENIOR RETREAT**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the participation of One Hundred (100) Westinghouse Career Academy students that participated in the end of year senior retreat to culminate post-secondary activities on June 8, 2007 through June 9, 2007 at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center (Lisle, Illinois).

USER: Westinghouse Career Academy
3301 W. Franklin Blvd.
773-534-6400
Dr. Lona C. Bibbs, Principal

PROGRAM: In conjunction with Westinghouse Career Academy's vision (*to prepare all students for post-secondary opportunities and/or employment*) and SIPAAA Goal #3 (*to improve students' learning climate with a particular emphasis on increasing post-secondary opportunities*) we took one hundred (100) students to culminate school year activities. All students participated in a summer retreat to plan the school year, a spring retreat to review activities and plan the final school semester. This final retreat reviewed the 2006-07 school year, analyzed data (ACT/PSAE/SEQ), finalized senior activities, and completed preparation for life after high school. This was achieved through a series of workshops, activities, and student-lead interactions. The students utilized their classroom instruction focused on communication, presentation, and cooperative learning skills. The retreat provided students opportunities to expand their knowledge for preparedness of post-secondary plans.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Because of this retreat, our Westinghouse Career Academy students provided a legacy for the school and learning in understanding the power in executing post-secondary plans for themselves and the community. Our Westinghouse Career Academy students came away from this experience more confident and with an expanded understanding of themselves, post-secondary plans with a connection to their community. This was in alignment with the Westinghouse Career Academy's SIPAAA goal three.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Travel arrangements were made through Spirit Tours Bus Company (773) 731-1400. Lodging, food, and meeting rooms were arranged through Hickory Ridge Conference Center (Lisle, Illinois) (630) 850-8276.

COST: The per person cost is \$217.57 which included transportation, meals and lodging.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel") includes proper ratio of students to adults. Chaperones are Chicago Public Schools employees: Dr. Lona Bibbs (Principal), Mr. Charles Anderson (Counselor), Ms. Lana Harvey (Teacher Support Staff), Ms Joanne Walker (Teacher Support Staff), Ms. Clark Morgan (Dean of Students), Ms. Sherley Jones (Support Staff), Ms. Mededa Shumate (Teacher), Ms. E. Lewis (Teacher), Ms. E. Hopkins (Teacher), Mr. K. Ward (Teacher) and Mr. C. Lee (ESP)

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Westinghouse Career Academy.

AUTHORIZATION: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Westinghouse Career Academy School on May 9, 2007

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any 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 – Any 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 any 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 any agreement.

Contingent Liability – Any 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:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:

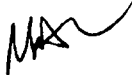


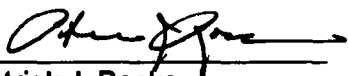
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel