

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES TO
SCHWARTZ & FREEMAN AND CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, INC. IN THE MATTER OF
RAMOS et al. v. BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, et. al.
Case No. 00 C 5089**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Payment of attorneys' fees to Schwartz & Freeman and Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc.

That the General Counsel has negotiated a settlement for payment of attorneys' fees and costs in the matter of Ramos, et al. v. Board of Education of the City of Chicago, et al. Case No. 00 C 5089. The plaintiffs are represented in this matter by Schwartz & Freeman and Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. The Plaintiffs requested \$90,000.00 in fees and costs from the Board but agrees to accept \$55,000.00 in fees and costs in full settlement of their claims against the Board.

DESCRIPTION: Plaintiffs filed a suit in United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) seeking attorneys fees arising from a due process hearing to determine whether the Board provided N. Ramos with a free appropriate public education.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action status is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Law Department-Litigation Tort Claims
0963-215-000-7062-5490.....\$55,000.00

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.

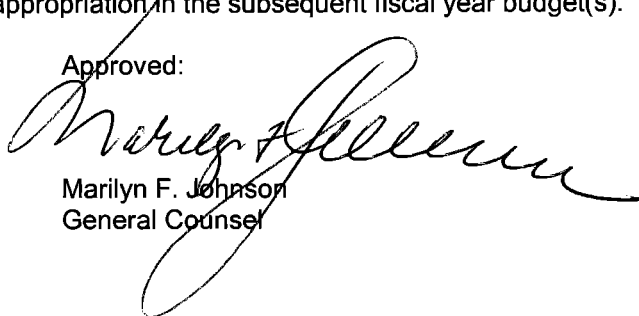
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board Members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

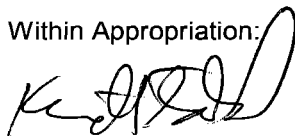
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth Gotsch
Chief Financial Officer