

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBOTICS TEAM IN THE 2001 FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of Roosevelt High School's Robotics Team in the 2001 FIRST Robotics Competition and authorize travel and lodging expenses related to the program.

**USER:** Roosevelt High School  
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**PROGRAM:** Twenty-five (25) students and thirteen (13) adults from Roosevelt High School will participate in the First Robotics Competition at Walt Disney World's EPCOT Center in Orlando, Florida from April 4 through April 8, 2001.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** FIRST is an acronym that stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." The FIRST Robotics competition is a national engineering contest, which immerses high school students in the exciting world of engineering. Teaming up with engineers from businesses and universities, students get a hands-on, inside look at the engineering profession. In six intense weeks, students and engineers work together to brainstorm, design, construct and test their robot. The teams then compete in a spirited, no-hands-barred tournament complete with referees, cheerleaders and time clocks.

The partnerships developed between schools, businesses, and universities provide an exchange of resources and talent, highlighting mutual needs, building cooperation, and exposing students to new career choices. The result is a fun, exciting and stimulating environment in which all participants discover the important connection between classroom lessons and real world applications.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Debbie Stern of Far Horizons at 600 Central Avenue, Ste. 245, Highland Park, IL 60035, (847) 266-2020.

Airfares have been booked through Southwest Airlines Group Sales. The per person cost for airfare is \$ 252.00.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Caribbean Beach Resort in Disney World. The cost per room for four nights with four (4) students to a room or two (2) adults to a room is \$ 768.00.

**COST:** The average per person cost is \$ 795.00 which includes round-trip airfare, all transfers and meals, lodging, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc. The costs will be paid by Roosevelt High School and grants. Staff and students are fund-raising to offset the costs of the trip.

**CHAPERONES:** Nine (9) teachers, two (2) parents, one (1) engineer and his wife will serve as chaperones.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student and chaperone are on file at Roosevelt High School.

**AUTHORIZATION:** [if necessary] Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**LSC REVIEW:** "This action was approved by the LSC for Roosevelt High School on November 14, 2000"

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Roosevelt High School: \$ 20,620.00  
Budget Classification: #1520-234-703-6222-5500  
Requisition Number: [#]

Fiscal Year: 2001  
Source of Funds: State Chapter I (234)

**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.

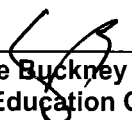
Conflicts – Any agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

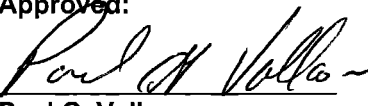
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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:**

  
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Cozette Buckney  
Chief Education Officer

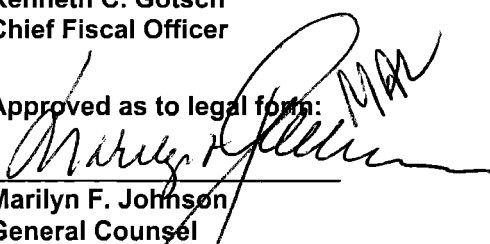
**Approved:**

  
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Paul G. Vallas  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel