

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ADELE MECHER
FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Adele Mecher to provide consulting services to Washington Irving Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$8,400.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of her proven record in sustaining students' attendance rates above the state average. A written agreement for consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and no 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 agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of the Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specifications No.: 00-250877

CONSULTANT: Adele Mecher
4140 W. Crystal, Chicago, IL 60651
Tel. No.: 773-227-4047
Vendor #90684

USER: Washington Irving Elementary
749 S. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612
Contact person: Madeleine Maraldi, Principal
Dr. Hazel Steward, REO, Region 3
Tel. No.: 773-534-7295

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30,2001. This agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of one year each at the rate of \$8,400 each year.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board has a right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Adele Mecher will implement the early prevention truancy program for students at-risk of truancy, provide staff development on attendance matters, attendance and record keeping, and monitor student attendance contracts. She will also serve as liaison between home and school in attendance matters and represent Irving at the region attendance meetings.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide bi-weekly logs of telephone calls and home visits to the homes of suspected truants and a monthly report on student attendance rate.

OUTCOMES: The services will result in an increase in student attendance and will increase the level of parent/teacher communication.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: Weekly payments of \$800.00 not to exceed the sum of \$8,400.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and the Secretary to execute the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: W/MBE participation for independent contractors is determined on an aggregated basis and reported in the W/MBE Monthly Report. W/MBE participation: 0% Black, 0% Hispanic, 0% Asian, 100% WBE, and 0% Non-minority.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC of Washington Irving School on March 22, 2000,

FINANCIAL: Charge to Washington Irving School: \$8,400.00 Fiscal Year: 2000-01
Budget Classification: 5350-242-227-7673-5410
Source of Funds: Federal Chapter 1

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, shall be 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, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

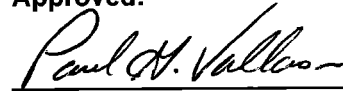
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



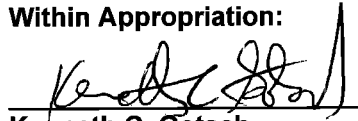
Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



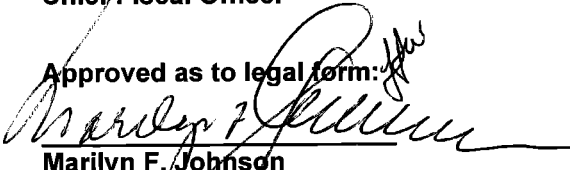
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel