

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC LITERACY INITIATIVE/WEST ED.  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Strategic Literacy Initiative/West Ed. to provide consulting services to the National Teachers Academy at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its experience in facilitating powerful and adaptable approaches to professional development and providing in-depth understanding of Reading Apprenticeship as a framework for teaching specific classroom reading strategies. A written agreement 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**SPECIFICATION No.: 01-250113**

**CONSULTANT:** Strategic Literacy Initiative/West ED.  
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Oakland, CA 94612-3534  
Contact Person: Jane Braunger  
510-302-4245  
Vendor #: 33253

**USER:** Office of the Chief Education Officer  
For the National Teachers Academy at  
Daniel Hale Williams Elementary School  
2710 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Linda Hemphill Ford, Director of National Teachers Academy  
773-534-9970

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on July 23, 2001 and shall end July 27, 2001.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** Either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement with thirty days (30) written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant shall conduct a 5-day professional development workshop for 35 teachers of the National Teachers Academy which provides in depth understanding of the reading process, shares explicit contextualized teaching of comprehension strategies, demonstrates how to engage students and teachers in a collaborative inquiry about their own and each others reading processes and fostering metacognitive conversations in the classroom.

**DELIVERABLES:** Metacognitive training, textbooks and materials. Training will be conducted on July 23 through July 27, 2001 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at North Kenwood Oakland Charter School.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services shall provide professional development in a Reading Apprenticeship model for the National Teachers Academy; becoming a part of the national on-line network of the Strategic Literacy Initiative which provides on-going interactive support.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: a flat fee of \$35,000 to be paid in full within ten business days after services are completed.

**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.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to National Teachers Academy: \$35,000.00  
Budget Classification: #6480-239-561-8984-5410

Fiscal Year: 2001  
Source of Funds: Fund for the  
Improvement of Education Grant

**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).

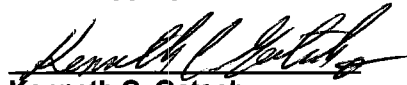
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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Natalye Paquin  
Chief Purchasing 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