AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BACK WAGES PURSUANT TO ORDER OF CIRCUIT COURT AND APPELLATE COURT IN DISMISSAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JOSEPH HEARNE, 96 CH 5674

THE ATTORNEY REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

The Appellate Court has affirmed an order entered by the Circuit Court on behalf of Joseph Hearne a teacher at Austin High School, for back pay, interest and benefits, including pension contributions.

DESCRIPTION:

On September 6, 1995 the Chief Executive Officer moved to dismiss Mr. Hearne and adopted against him charges of conduct unbecoming a teacher. The Illinois State Board of Education recommended that Mr. Hearne not be dismissed. The Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees rejected its recommendation. The Circuit Court reversed the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees' decision to dismiss. The Illinois Appellate Court affirmed the Circuit Court.

The Appellate Court and Circuit Court ordered the Board to: (1) pay Mr. Hearne \$239,857.41 for back wages and \$16,790.02 for pension contributions, which totals \$256,647.42 (2) reinstate him as a teacher; (3) restore his benefit days and (4) pay post judgment interest of \$56,999.62.

LSC REVIEW:

LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION:

None.

FINANCIAL:

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PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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Without Appropriation:

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