

February 25, 2003

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH VINCENT R. WILLIAMS AND ASSOCIATES P.C. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with Vince Williams to provide legislative consulting services to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Consultant was selected on non-competitive basis because of his unique qualifications and past accomplishments with the Chicago Public Schools. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. 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 this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT: Vincent R. Williams and Associates P.C.
1843 N. Natchez
Chicago, IL 60707
(312) 287-5456
Vendor #: 37100

USER: Chief Executive Office
125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Peggy Davis
(773) 553-1500

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on February 1, 2003 and shall end 12 months thereafter. This agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of one year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate the agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The consultant will serve as a state lobbyist for the Chicago Public Schools on the CPS' state legislative agenda, as well as on administrative and regulatory issues in state agencies and departments. In addition, the consultant will serve on federal matters when so designated by the Board or Chief Executive Officer.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide periodic reports of the status of legislation during the period when the General Assembly is in session. Consultant shall also keep the administration and the Board apprised of any and all matters of concern to the Chicago Public Schools before the General Assembly.

OUTCOMES: Consultant will assist in the development of a legislative agenda; cause the introduction of legislation to fulfill CPS financial and programmatic requirements; secure sponsors for bills introduced on behalf of CPS; and lobby the legislature on behalf of CPS.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid in equal monthly installments upon receipt of invoices, not to exceed the sum of \$60,000 per year.

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. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of the Chief of Staff: \$60,000.00
Budget Classification: 0110-210-000-7870-5410--\$25,000.00 FY: 2003
Budget Classification: 0110-210-000-7870-5410--\$35,000.00 FY: 2004
Source of Funds: General Fund

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.

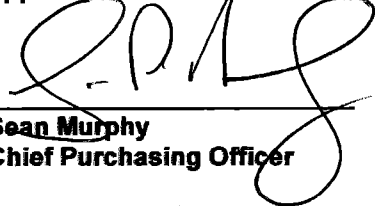
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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


Sean Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

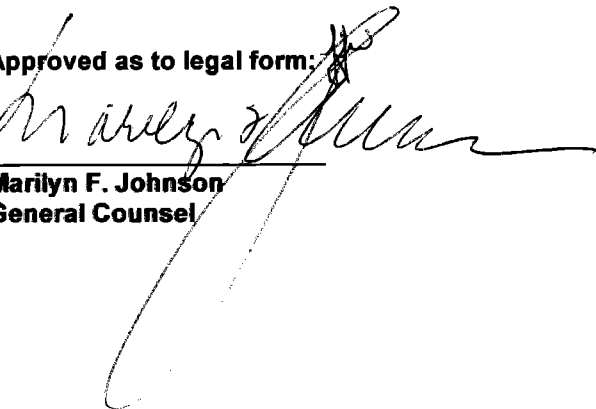
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel