

July 23, 2003

APPROVE A SPECIAL ON-LOAN LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ELOISE O'CONNOR ROCHE**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve a Special On-Loan Leave of Absence for Eloise O'Connor Roche to enable her to work with the Chicago Academy of Sciences' Nature Museum as a teacher-on-loan for the "Teacher Leadership Center." The Academy of Sciences' Nature Museum shall provide the Board with a written guarantee to reimburse the Board for the full salary, benefits, pension payments and related expenses that the Board pays to Ms. Roche during the term of the leave. Information pertinent to this leave is stated below:

ORGANIZATION: Chicago Academy of Sciences' Nature Museum
Teacher Leadership Center
2430 North Cannon Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60614
773-755-5100

USER: Department of Human Resources
125 South Clark Street, 2nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Attn: Ascencion Juarez, Chief Human Resources Officer
(773) 553-2690

TERM: The term of this leave and reimbursement will begin August 25, 2003 and will end June 25, 2004. By mutual consent, and subject to Board approval, this leave may be extended for up to a twelve (12) month period under the same terms and conditions of this leave.

SCOPE OF DUTIES: Ms. Roche will be actively involved in overseeing the daily operations of the Teacher Leadership Center, including assisting teachers with curricula development, evaluating current resources and adding new resources, assisting in the evaluation of school programs and classroom materials, maintaining the Teacher Leadership Center website and assisting museum educators in the development and implementation of year-round teacher and student workshops.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: The Board will pay Eloise O'Connor Roche's full salary, benefits, pension payments and related expenses and the Chicago Academy of Sciences' Nature Museum will reimburse the Board for these expenditures after receiving the Board's quarterly invoices.

BUDGET CLASSIFICATION: 1530-280-428-0215-5110

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party shall acknowledge that in accordance with 105 1LCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the 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.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be followed.

Approved for Consideration:

Barbara Eason Watkins (A.K.)

**Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer**

Within Appropriation: *DS*

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Chief of Staff**

Approved as to Legal Form: *J*

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