

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH BERTRAND MURRELL
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with Bertrand Murrell to provide consulting services to Local School Council Relations at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of his extensive experience with the training of Local School Council members. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. The Consultant has been paid the sum of \$6,666.70. No further payments shall be made to Consultant prior to 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.: 04-250138

CONSULTANT: Bertrand Murrell
8243 South Kenwood
Chicago, IL 60619
(773) 221-7907
Vendor #37455

USER: Local School Council Relations
125 S. Clark St., 5th Fl.
Chicago, IL 60603
James Deanes
(773) 553-1400

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2004 and shall end June 30, 2005.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will attend Board Meetings, Local School Council and community meetings as assigned by the Officer of Local School Council Relations; provide training to Local School Councils (LSCs), Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and other parent organizations; provide assistance to other departments of the Board as identified and assigned by the Officer of Local School Council Relations; serve as a liaison to the reform community to identify and determine outstanding issues and perform other duties as assigned by the Officer of Local School Council Relations.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide monthly detailed written activity reports to the Officer of Local School Council Relations. Consultant shall detail steps taken for resolution of the issues.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in resolution of issues before they reach the Office of the Board, the Board President, Chief Executive Officer, or the Chief Education Officer.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: Equal monthly installments of \$3,333.33, not to exceed the sum of \$40,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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 Officer of Local School Council Relations to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the prime is an independent consultant (100% African American).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to School & Community Relations: \$40,000
Budget Classification: 0130-210-000-1460-5410
Source of Funds: General Education Funds

Fiscal Year: 2005

Requisition Number: [#]

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:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



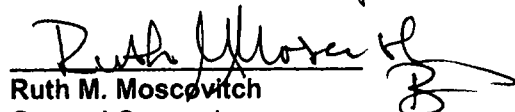
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel