

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM HUBBARD HIGH SCHOOL IN AN INTERNATIONAL CHORAL PERFORMANCE TOUR TO MADRID, SPAIN AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the participation of thirty-two (32) selected students and staff from Hubbard High School in an International Choral Performance Tour to Madrid, Spain and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Hubbard High School
6200 South Hamlin Avenue
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User: Andrew S. Manno

PROGRAM: 32 Hubbard High School students and six staff members will participate in a Concert Tour to Spain from March 17 through March 22, 2005. The Chorus has been invited to give choral performances in the cities of Madrid, Avila, Segovia, El Escorial, and Toledo in 2005. Hubbard High School's Chorus and director have won many awards at the city and state levels. The Hubbard High School Chorus performed in Vienna, Austria in 1996; toured Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, Canada in 1998; Paris and the Normandy and Brittany regions of France in 1999; Salisbury, York, Gloucester, and London, England in 2000; Florence, Pisa, Assisi, Siena, and Rome, Italy in 2002; St. Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans in 2002; Los Angeles and San Francisco in 2003; and Boston and New York in 2004.

Students will perform several concerts while in Spain including appearances in Madrid, Avila, Segovia, El Escorial, and Toledo. Many cultural activities are planned for the students while in Spain. While in Madrid the students will visit Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia and the Museo del Prado as well as the Almudena Cathedral. They will also embark on city tours in Avila and Segovia and visits to the Avila Cathedral and Basilica de San Vicente as well as the Church of Vera Cruz and the Roman Aqueduct. A visit to the city of Toledo to see the Toledo Cathedral, the Castles of Castilla, and the Alcazar Fortress will be followed by a visit to El Escorial and the Royal Pantheon. The group will stay in middle-class hotels and will travel by motor coach with an experienced and informative guide.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: The 32 students on this performance tour will have received many hours of choral training in music that is historically significant to the areas to be visited, as well as music that reflects the best in American music. They will have spent many hours studying the history of Spanish culture and economics. Each student is required to keep a detailed journal of his/her experiences with notes from local lecturers and memorabilia. The students will visit the places that they have studied in preparatory study sessions and will have opportunities to meet with Spanish high school students. Students will also receive instruction and assignments that are appropriate to their travel experiences given by their English, Science, History, Mathematics and Arts teachers to include reports to their classmates.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by Music Contact International, 119 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, Vermont 05401 (Vendor #29294). Contact person: Paige Betten – 802-862-2200. This company has prepared this tour and the other tours described above and performed efficiently, responsibly, and cooperatively, they specialize in conducting music tours.

COST: The cost per person is \$2,040.00, which includes air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, adequate health and accident insurance.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including the proper ratio of students to adults. Four female and two male teachers will accompany students at all times.

Traveling with the students will be Ethel Batie (Assistant Principal), William T. Wilson (Teacher), Jeanie Baran (Teacher), Patricia Glatz (Teacher), Emmer Shelton (Counselor), Roger Carlson (Counselor).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Hubbard High School.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Hubbard High School on November 9, 2004.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any 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 – Any 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.

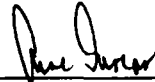
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



BARBARA EASON-WATKINS
Chief Education Officer

Approved:




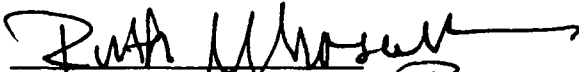
ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



RUTH M. MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel