

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (LAFAYETTE SPECIALTY SCHOOL)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with Merit School of Music to provide consulting services to Lafayette Specialty School at a cost not to exceed \$32,800.00. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. 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 document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

CONSULTANT: Merit School of Music
38 South Peoria Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607
(312) 786-9428
Vendor # 33278

USER: Lafayette Specialty School
2714 West Augusta Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60622
Shirley A. Talley-Smith
(773) 534-4326

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on October 17, 2005 and shall end June 30, 2006. The Board shall have no options to renew this agreement.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will provide two (2) classes each four (4) times per week for sixty (60) minutes of string instruction (4 instructors) and all instrument repair and maintenance for a period of one (1) school year. All programs include sheet music and necessary teaching supplies. Instrumental programs with the added code "INSTR" indicate that instruments will be provided.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will 1) provide a capable music teacher who is qualified to teach the instrument(s)/subject(s) according to the Scope of Services; 2) assure that Merit teachers will check in with the administrative staff upon entering building; 3) present the participating students in performance at least twice during the instruction period; 4) notify Lafayette in advance when classes will be cancelled; 5) make up any classes missed due to illness, inclement weather, school holiday, or special school event (if previously arranged); 6) assure that the conduct of the instructor is appropriate and professional when working with students or staff and; 7) provide Lafayette staff with a list of absentee students at the end of each instructional day.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the development of the Lafayette Specialty School orchestras at various levels of development.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: flat fee of \$32,800.00

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 Principal to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The participation goal provisions of the Plan do not apply to transactions where the vendor is a not profit organization opportunity for direct or indirect participation of M/WBE's.

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Lafayette Specialty School on October 11, 2005

FINANCIAL: Charge to Lafayette Specialty School: \$32,800.00
Budget Classification: 4400-234-703-6214-5410
Requisition Number: 5295942

Fiscal Year: 2006
Source of Funds: SGSA

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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

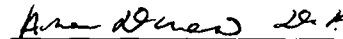
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer



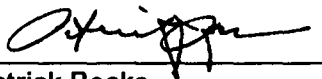
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel