

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CURIE, HANCOCK, PAYTON, PROSSER, ROOSEVELT,  
SCHURZ AND SENN HIGH SCHOOLS (SPRING 2007) AND B.E.S.T., GAGE PARK, JONES AND  
KELVYN PARK HIGH SCHOOLS (SUMMER 2007) IN THE BUILDING WITH BOOKS  
CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the participation of Curie, Hancock, Payton, Prosser, Roosevelt, Schurz and Senn High Schools (March 29, 2007-April 13, 2007) and B.E.S.T., Gage Park, Jones and Kelvyn Park High Schools (June 28, 2007-July 13, 2007) in the Building with Books' (BwB) Trek for Knowledge.

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**PROGRAM:** Throughout the school year, BwB Program members work hard at fundraising to sponsor the construction of a BwB Sister Schoolhouse in one of the countries where BwB is working. Every single dollar that BwB Program members raise goes to support their Sister Schoolhouse construction. The Trek for Knowledge allows BwB Program members to take their commitment to the next level. The Trek offers Program members the opportunity to see and participate, first-hand, in the result of their fundraising work. The Trek also demonstrates the important thread of community service that runs through all that BwB does. On the Sister Schoolhouse construction site, BwB Members work alongside community members who volunteer their time for the good of the project. The greatest portion of the Trek Team's travel will be spent in the rural Trek village. The Team's daily schedule will revolve around work on the construction site, as well as exploration of the lifestyle and culture of the host village. Four hours/day will be spent working on the construction site.

**EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES:** To provide an opportunity for both teachers and students to participate in the construction of a BwB schoolhouse in one of our project countries, to be immersed in a new and different culture, and to return the knowledge gained from the Trek experience to their classrooms, programs, and communities.

Teachers will be able to:

- better utilize BwB materials and resources in their classroom
- increase their knowledge of other cultures and communities
- enhance learning environment for students
- encourage more participation in BwB Program

Students will be able to:

- increase their knowledge of other cultures and communities
- better understand BwB's mission and goals
- share knowledge with classmates and other community members

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION:** Arrangements for this program are being made by Building with Books staff and personnel in Chicago and Mali.

**COST:** The per person cost is \$2300.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, health and accident insurance, trip cancellation insurance, etc.. The costs will be paid by Building with Books.

**CHAPERONES:** Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 ("Policy on Student Travel") including proper ratio of students to adults. On March 29, 2007 to April 13, 2007 there will be four Chicago Public Schools chaperones provided: Marisela Corona (teacher at Prosser), Ron Cox (teacher at Schurz), Mary Margaret Harkins (teacher at Payton) and Michael Harrigan (teacher at Roosevelt) plus two Building with Books (BwB) chaperones: Lexi Sikorowicz and Matthew Ziolkowski, who are certified with Wilderness First Responder medical and first aid training. On June 28, 2007-July 13, 2007 there will be two Chicago Public Schools chaperones provided: Brenden

Ratterman (teacher at Gage Park) and Salvador Valasco (teacher at BEST) plus two Building with Books (BwB) chaperones: Joanna Lautenberger and Carrie Pena.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at each school, and at the Building with Books office at 230 W Monroe Suite #1470.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

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

**FINANCIAL:** No cost to the Board at this time.

**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.

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 any 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 any agreement.

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:**



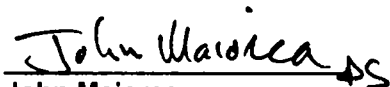
**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**



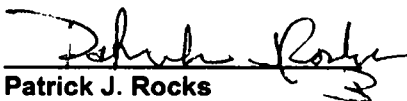
**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



**John Maiorca**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel