

July 26, 2023

AMEND BOARD REPORT 23-0524-AR4
**AUTHORIZE NEW RETENTION OF VARIOUS OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS
ON AN HOURLY OR FLAT FEE BASIS**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

New retention of various outside counsel law firms for Fiscal Years ~~2023 and~~ 2024.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has retained various outside counsel law firms (see attached list of firms) to provide legal services to the Board in fiscal years ~~2023 and~~ 2024 on an hourly or flat fee basis, including, but not limited to the following legal services: representation in administrative hearings, affirmative litigation, consultative services, litigation defense, transactions, and such other matters as deemed appropriate by the General Counsel. The law firms and the not-to-exceed amounts authorized are set forth in Attachment A. As invoices are received, they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None.

FINANCIAL: Charge ~~\$575,000.00~~ \$50,000.00 to Law Department - Professional Services:
Budget Classification Fiscal Years ~~2023 and~~ 2024.....10210-115

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.

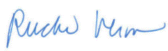
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), 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).

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General Counsel

ATTACHMENT A**OUTSIDE COUNSEL LAW FIRMS**

Firm/Practitioner	Not to exceed Authority
1. <u>Masterslaw (Ruth Masters)</u>	\$50,000.00
1. <u>Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
2. <u>Eydie R. Glassman, Esq. Legal Consulting Services, LLC</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
3. <u>Greenberg Traurig, LLP</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
4. <u>MoloLamken, LLP</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
5. <u>Nathan & Kamionski, LLP</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
6. <u>Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
TOTAL NTE AUTHORITY:	<u>\$575,000.00</u> \$50,000.00

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**PERSONAL INJURY - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT FOR
BYRON PYE AND INDIA COLEMAN, AS GUARDIANS ON BEHALF OF
J.P., THEIR MINOR CHILD - CASE NO. 20 L 004799**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize settlement of the personal injury suit of Byron Pye and India Coleman, as guardians on behalf of J.P., their minor child v. Board of Education of the City of Chicago, Case No. 20 L 004799 for **\$800,000.00**.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has determined that this settlement is in the Board's best interests.

LSC REVIEW: Local school council approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Litigated Tort Claims:
Account #12460-210-54535-231112-000000 FY 2024.....\$800,000.00

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

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