AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM TRESSLER, SODERSTROM, MALONEY & PRIESS

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continued retention of the law firm Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess.

DESCRIPTION: The law firm Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess was previously retained to represent individually-named employees of the Board in (1) <u>Nieves v. Board, et. al.</u>, a matter pending in the U.S. District Court and (2) <u>Souchet v. Board, et. al.</u>, pending in the Illinois Appellate Court. Additional authorization for <u>Nieves</u> is requested in the amount of \$20,000 and in the amount of \$25,000 for <u>Souchet</u> (which includes \$7,000 in pending invoices). As future 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 \$20,000.00 Nieves v. Board; \$25,000.00 Souchet v. Board to Law Department - Legal and

Supportive Services - Professional Services:

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, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted Septem ber 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby 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 is scal year budget(s).

MARILYN F. JOHNSON

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Within Appropriations

KENNETH C. GOTSCH Chief Fiscal Officer