# RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WATCH SERVICES

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

Ratify entering into an agreement with New Hope Community Service Center to provide School Community Watch Services for the West Englewood Community - Harper High School, at a total cost not to exceed \$533,240. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis: two qualified vendors were offered the contract but declined due to lack of capacity and lack of familiarity with the West Englewood Community. New Hope is currently contracted to provide the same services at Gage Park High School which is close in proximity to West Englewood. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor prior to execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

### **VENDOR:**

1) Vendor # 29032
NEW HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICE
CENTER
2559 WEST 79TH STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60652
Brenda Golden
773 737-9555

## **USER INFORMATION:**

#### Contact:

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773-553-1167

### TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on August 8, 2011 and shall end July 31, 2012. The Board shall have no options to renew this agreement.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The Board conducted a thorough assessment of the violence-related risks posed to CPS high school students both inside and outside the school. In response to data-based research and community discussions, the Board is executing a safety and security strategy designed to focus resources on two ultimate goals:

- 1. Reduce the likelihood that high-risk Chicago Public School students will become victims of violent incidents; and
- 2. Create a safe, secure, and supportive school environment to increase student attendance and improve academic performance.

To achieve these goals, the Board has outlined the following three initiatives:

- 1. Mentorship and advocacy for high school students at risk of engaging in or becoming victims of aggressive behavior, truancy, suspension, and expulsion;
- 2. Development of a safe school environment that contributes to a student excelling academically; and
- 3. Creation of safe passages to provide safe arrival and dismissal times.

Vendor's services will support the third initiative. Vendor will deploy community watch staff (Community Watchers or Watchers) throughout the Board-designated safety routes to supervise students traveling to and from school grounds. Such supervision will occur during school arrival and dismissal. Such supervision will vary depending on the individual school's arrival and dismissal times.

#### **DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will provide Community Watchers whose duties shall consist of 1) Reporting to daily assigned posts to assist students in traveling to and from school grounds; 2) Monitoring designated hot spots for suspicious behavior and potential conflicts; 3) Collaborating with the CPD and CPS and reporting any known or potential conflicts to CPD and CPS; 4) Submitting a daily electronic incident report as well as a weekly electronic report which will include the number and description of incidents, responses to incidents, a list and description of troubled buildings, and an explanation of potential conflicts the Community Watchers suspect will occur in the near future; and 5) Wearing a uniform and/or having official identification that clearly identifies their status as Community Watchers.

## **OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in 1) increased attendance, 2) decreased violent incidents involving CPS students, and 3) increased student perception of safety traveling to and from school.

## **COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid as specified in their agreement; total compensation shall not exceed the sum of \$533,240.

## **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 Chief Administrative Office or the School Safety and Security Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

The original vendors were approved under Board Report Number 10-0623-PR37. The overall MBE/WBE requirements were set at 40% total MBE and 10% total WBE participation. Vendor shall be bound by the same MBE/WBE requirements as the other awarded vendors providing School Community Watch Services to the District.

### LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

## FINANCIAL:

Charge to: Office of School Safety and Security

Source of Funds: Title I Federal Grant and General Education

**Budget Classification:** 

10615.332.54125.254605.430126 - \$408,240

Charge to: Office of Student Support and Engagement

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Education Grant (PASS - Pathways to Student Success)

**Budget Classification:** 

10615-324-54125-254605-511241 - \$125,000

CFDA#: Not Applicable

# **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).

Approved for Consideration:

OPAL L. WALLS

Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:

MELANIE A. SHAKEK

Interim Chief Financial Officer

Approved:

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