## APPROVE NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF ENGLEWOOD CHARTER FOR A PORTION OF O'TOOLE ELEMENTARY, LOCATED AT 6550 SOUTH SEELEY AVENUE

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into a new lease agreement with **Montessori School of Englewood Charter** for a portion of the **O'Toole Elementary School, located at 6550 South Seeley Avenue,** Chicago, Illinois for use as a charter school. A written lease agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written lease agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report.

**TENANT:** Montessori School of Englewood Charter

6550 South Seeley Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60636

Contact: Rita Nolan / (773) 808-1921

LANDLORD: Board of Education of the City of Chicago

**PREMISES:** Tenant shall use a portion of the O'Toole Elementary building, located at 6550 South Seeley Avenue as set forth in the lease agreement. Tenant shall share the Premises with O'Toole Elementary.

**USE:** Tenant shall use the Premises to operate a charter school (Montessori School of Englewood Charter) and related educational and community programs and for no other purpose. Tenant's current Charter School Agreement was authorized by the Board on May 22, 2013 (authorized by Board Report 13-0522-EX102).

**TERM:** The term of the lease shall be 4 years, commencing on August 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2017. If Tenant's Charter School Agreement is terminated, the lease shall also terminate.

**RENT:** One dollar (\$1.00) per year.

**OPERATING AND UTILITIES EXPENSES:** Tenant shall procure all operating services from Landlord. Landlord shall provide all operating services at Landlord's then-current rate (which is subject to increase). Tenant shall pay its proportionate share of all operating and utilities expenses because Tenant shares the Premises with O'Toole Elementary. Landlord shall deduct such operating and utilities expenses from Tenant's general education quarterly payments.

**MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** Tenant shall be responsible for all maintenance, repairs and capital improvements to the Premises.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written lease agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the lease agreement. Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to execute any and all ancillary documents related to the lease agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Exempt.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Rent payable to the General Fund.

## **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:** 

Approved:

Barbara Byrd-Bennett

**Chief Executive Officer** 

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Patricia L. Taylor

**Chief Operating Officer** 

Approved as to legal form: (

**James Bebley** 

**General Counsel**