

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH UNICCO SERVICE COMPANY

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Background:

At the School Board meeting of March 12, 2003, the Board authorized the agreement pursuant to RFP #155BB10 with UNICCO Service Company for a period of two years with all-inclusive costs not-to-exceed \$1,876,896 during the first year and \$1,661,304 during the second year, with the option to renew for three one-year periods.

The District has invested heavily in maintenance reform initiatives and the strategic objectives are sound. At this time, we do not have sufficient staff expertise to implement the reform strategies. Therefore, it would be a mistake for the District to cancel the UNICCO contract.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to:

1. negotiate an amendment to the existing contract that will reduce UNICCO's project cost;
2. define the transition in management over the next six months when a Facility Maintenance Officer is appointed;
3. clearly spell out measurable deliverables as defined in the existing contract and/or other documents over the next five or six months and thereafter; and bring back an item to the Board with the amended contract for the meeting of May 19, 2004.

REPLACEMENT

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