

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI
FOR USE OF SIX CITY PARKS**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

Since July 1987, the Board has utilized six City of Miami (City) parks for the daily recreational activities of adjacent schools under a license agreement with the City. These sites are Gibson Park/Douglass Elementary, Ambrister Park/Carver Elementary and Carver Middle, Lemon City Park/Toussaint Louverture Elementary, Range Park/Edison Park Elementary, Shenandoah Park/Shenandoah Middle, and West End Park/Fairlawn Elementary. The Board has exclusive use of these parks during school hours.

In September 1994, the District entered into a new License Agreement for use of these City parks. The terms of the agreement provide for the City to maintain the park sites and for the Board to reimburse the City for 60% of its costs; these include equipment and tools, tree trimming, trash disposal, mowing and edging, field maintenance, utilities, and overhead for administrative and field personnel. Annual cost to the District averages \$400,000. The current term will expire on September 30, 2005, and the Board has the option of renewing the License Agreement. This proposed renewal represents the fifth of an unlimited number of one-year renewal option periods available under the license agreement.

Due to the expected long-term use of these facilities by the District, and in order to handle License Agreement renewals in a more efficient manner, it is recommended that the term be renewed for a total of five years, commencing October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2010. The District will retain the ability to discontinue use of any park at any time upon 90 days written notice to the City. All terms and conditions of the License Agreement will remain unchanged. No physical improvements requiring the use of District funds are necessary as a result of the proposed Board action.

Staff contacted the Region IV Superintendent, the Associate Superintendent of Region Operations, and the seven affected School Principals who indicated a continuing need for the park space for daily recreational activities for the period ending October 30, 2010.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the renewal of the License Agreement with the City of Miami for the use of six City of Miami park sites, with the Board to reimburse the City for 60% of its actual costs. The term of the renewal option period will commence October 1, 2005, and will end September 30, 2010. All other terms and conditions of the License Agreement will remain unchanged.

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