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SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH DR. HENRY R. BOEKHOFF FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools continues to face many critical legislative issues, including the distribution of both operating and capital funding. For the past two years, Miami-Dade has received the smallest per pupil increase statewide due to funding policy changes related to the District Cost Differential (DCD) and the equalization of the .510 Discretionary Local Millage. Our students will continue to experience smaller per pupil increases in comparison to other public school students until a marketable alternative can be presented to the legislative leadership. Therefore, it is prudent to start our work early in the analysis of state funding and the development of funding alternatives of critical importance to our students and community in preparation for the next session.

The work requires an in-depth knowledge of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and the complexity of large school districts. Dr. Henry R. Boekhoff has 39 years of experience in Florida school finance, most recently as Chief Financial Officer for Orange County Public Schools since 1996. Previously, Dr. Boekhoff served in a similar capacity for Miami-Dade, Nassau, Palm Beach and Volusia counties. Additionally, he has had several articles on school finance and school budgeting published in educational journals.

Dr. Boekhoff would identify various funding scenarios to be used with the Governor and the Legislature to address the unique needs of our students; develop alternatives to the current DCD; prepare funding trend analyses depicting the District's decline in funding increases over the last few years; review the methodology used for the development of the District's projected full-time equivalents (FTEs), so intertwined with the legislative process; review and prepare recommendations on methods to improve the District's current budget development process and format; and other related analyses to ensure current and future financial stability for the District.

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The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this item on July 21, 2006, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests For Proposals be granted on the basis of specific expertise.

The cost for the services shall not exceed \$100,000, inclusive of all fees and expenses, including travel, to be paid as invoiced at an hourly rate of \$125, commencing August 3, 2006, through August 2, 2007. The cost for the services will be funded under Fund 0100, Function 7790, Program 9419, Object 5310, Work Location 9616.] REVISED]

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Henry R. Boekhoff for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, inclusive of all fees and expenses, including travel expenses, invoiced at an hourly rate of \$125, commencing August 3, 2006, through August 2, 2007.] REVISED]

The appropriations for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in August 2006.

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