

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of September 13, 2006

August 31, 2006

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FOR USE OF BOARD-OWNED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

Since October 1998, the School Board (Board) and City of Hialeah (City) have allowed use by the other party of City-owned and Board-owned recreational facilities, under the terms of reciprocal Master Lease Agreements (Master Leases). At the time these Master Leases were entered into, those school sites and park sites then in use were specified and incorporated into the Master Leases. As a result of changing needs and priorities, the City requested that the Master Lease for City use of Board-owned land be amended to exclude City use of Jose Marti Middle and North Twin Lakes Elementary Schools, and a Board-owned site known as Cotson Park, which the Board authorized at its meeting of September 7, 2005. Subsequent to this action, the City advised that its request to omit the Cotson Park site was in error, and it wished to continue use of this site for park recreational purposes.

In light of the foregoing, staff recommends that the current Master Lease for City use of Board-owned land be amended to allow the City to retain use of the Board-owned site known as Cotson Park. The Office of Risk and Benefits Management and the School Board Attorney's Office will review the proposed Master Lease Amendment documents prior to their execution.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to execute an amendment to the Master Lease Agreement with The City of Hialeah, for use of Board-owned recreational facilities, to allow the City to retain use of the Board-owned site known as Cotson Park.

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