

Office of School Facilities
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FINALIZE
NEGOTIATIONS AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FOR FINAL RESOLUTION OF
OUTSTANDING ITEMS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF
IMPROVEMENTS AT POLO PARK, ADJACENT TO NAUTILUS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

**LINK TO
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

Background

On January 20, 1994, the Board entered into an agreement with the City of Miami Beach (City) to exchange adjacent properties containing the old Nautilus Middle School and an existing park (Polo Park). The exchange permitted the construction of the new Nautilus Middle School on property owned at that time by the City so the existing school could continue to function while the new school was built, at which time the Board would demolish and remove the old school and restore and turn over to the City a new park on the old school site. The new school was completed in 1996 and the demolition and construction of the park was completed and presented to the City for acceptance in July of 1998.

Issues subsequently arose between the City and the Board as to the acceptability of the subject work at the park, primarily dealing with uneven settlement of the tennis courts. Following negotiations, an agreement was reached, which was presented to and approved by the Board on November 20, 2002. That item authorized the District to undertake additional repairs to the tennis courts and issue an \$85,000 payment to the City as settlement of all issues between the parties.

Repairs to the tennis courts were completed shortly thereafter; however, these repairs proved to still be insufficient as the tennis courts continued to experience further settling, a condition that was likely to continue for some time due subsurface conditions. The complete demolition and rebuilding of the existing tennis courts was however not deemed feasible due to cost.

Conversations with the City have continued and in September of 2009 the City agreed to take on the needed repairs to the tennis courts; the District's share of the repair cost would be \$50,000. This amount would augment the above mentioned \$85,000, previously authorized by the Board in 2002 but not yet paid.

Outsourcing the repairs of the tennis courts to the City will avoid any further problems, as the City will be in charge of undertaking the repairs it deems necessary to reopen the facility for use by our students and the community.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with the City of Miami Beach, to achieve final resolution of all outstanding issues related to construction of improvements at Polo Park, located adjacent to Nautilus Middle. The agreement would authorize an additional \$50,000 payment to the City to settle all outstanding issues.

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