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Memo		
То	Board of Education	
From	Jacqueline Minor, Co-General Counsel Marion McWilliams, Co-General Counsel Michael Smith, Deputy General Counsel	
Board Meeting Date	June 22, 2016	
Subject	Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Enter into Amended Agreement with First Student for Special Education Transportation Services	
Action Requested	Approval of the Resolution No. 1516-0231 authorizing the Superintendent to enter into Amended Agreement with First Student for Special Education Transportation Services subject to ratification by the Board of Education at the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting	
Background	On May 28, 2014, the Board of Education approved a four (4) year contract for transportation services for special education students with First Student, Inc. ("Original Agreement") in an amount not to exceed \$7 million (\$7,000,000) a year. On April 21, 2016, First Student sent the District a 120-day Termination Notice. The District has entered into negotiations for an amended agreement for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years to ensure the continued provision of transportation services for students with special needs.	
Discussion	The resolution authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute on behalf of the District an amended agreement with First Student for the provision of transportation services for students with special needs for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed an additional 2 million dollars (\$2,000,000) total over the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, provided said amended agreement is ratified by the Board of Education at the first meeting in August 2016.	
Recommendation	Approval by the Board of Education of the Resolution No. 1516-0231 authorizing the Superintendent to enter into Amended Agreement with First Student for Special Education Transportation Services subject to ratification by the Board of Education at the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting	
Fiscal Impact	Funding Resource: Special Education – 7240 – Not to exceed an additional 2 million dollars (\$2,000,000) total over the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.	
Attachments	Resolution	

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 1516-0231

Authorizing the Superintendent to Enter into Amended Agreement with First Student for Special Education Transportation Services Subject to Ratification by the Board of Education at the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting

WHEREAS, by Enactment # 14-0905 approved by the Board of Education on May 28, 2014, the Board of Education of the District, approved a four (4) year contract for transportation services for special education students with First Student, Inc. ("Original Agreement") in an amount not to exceed \$7 million (\$7,000,000) a year;

WHEREAS, the term of said Original Agreement began on August 1, 2014, and expires on July 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, the District Legal Department met with First Student on March 22, 2016 and First Student requested an increase in rates for services for the two remaining years of the Original Agreement (2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years);

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2016, First Student sent the District a 120-day Termination Notice;

WHEREAS, the Termination Notice will be effective on August 19, 2016 and result in students eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act not having access to transportation that takes our students to and from their educational programs;

WHEREAS, proper, efficient, and cost-effective transportation of students with special needs demonstrates our commitment to all students and families;

WHEREAS, in order to provide proper, efficient, reliable, and cost-effective transportation for District students, the District is negotiating an Amended Agreement with First Student for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 to provide minimum driver wages and an increase rate for services by First Student in amount that equates to an additional 1 million (\$1,000,000) per school year;

WHEREAS, the Parties cannot complete an Amended Agreement before the end of the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute on behalf of the District an amended agreement with First Student for the provision of transportation services for students with special needs for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed an additional 2 million dollars (\$2,000,000) total over the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, provided said amended agreement is ratified by the Board of Education at the first meeting in August 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 22rd day of June, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES: Aimee Eng, Shanthi Gonzales, Roseann Torres, Jody London, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Vice President Nina Senn, President James Harris
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a Special Meeting I thereof held on the 22nd day of June, 2016 with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Office of the Board of Education of said district.

Antwan Wilson, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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