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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY**  
**COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**JUNE 11, 2009**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois

RENEW AND AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH  
BLACKBOARD INC.  
FOR SOFTWARE LICENSES AND HOSTING SERVICES  
ALL COLLEGES  
(Amend Board Report 28752, dated June 5, 2008)

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 28752, dated June 5, 2008, the Board approved a license agreement for district-wide access to Blackboard's single-server Internet course management system with hosting services by Blackboard Inc. for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

that Blackboard is a web-based publishing system specifically designed to assist faculty in creating online communities to support classes and enhance the learning experiences of students; for example Blackboard enables faculty to:

- Post syllabi to the web;
- Add information about their courses, such as office hours and names of teaching assistants;
- Add hyperlinks to external web sites;
- Add documents for students to download;
- Create e-mail listservs for their students;
- Hold online chats for their classes;
- Administer online tests and exams; and

that there is a district-wide initiative to increase the number of faculty using the Blackboard Learning System and that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to meet the additional usage to provide hosting services and extend the Blackboard licenses including maintenance and support for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$322,889.00; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's software product and its proposal are reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of the Blackboard license agreement for the period indicated above; and

that this software license is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above option to extend and, Blackboard, INC., through the indirect utilization of certified firms outside of this agreement, continues to be in compliance with the Board Approved Participation plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal and amendment of the agreement with Blackboard Inc. for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for hosting services and the Blackboard license including support and maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$322,889.00 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute any documents pertaining to this amendment.

FINANCE: FY10 \$322,889.00 – Educational Fund – # 00003-0023001-10000-01000-538100

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor