

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS this School Board is aware that since the 1990s the pharmaceutical industry has manufactured, distributed, and marketed a variety of opioid pain medications for general use in the treatment of chronic pain conditions, resulting in such medication being the most widely distributed drugs in United States history; and

WHEREAS the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of these opioid drugs has resulted in catastrophic, widespread consequences for the people of this nation, including addiction, overdoses, developmental disabilities in children, death, and major expenditures of money; and

WHEREAS this School Board believes that the school districts of this nation, including this school district, have suffered significant damages as a result of this national opioid epidemic, including expenditures of public funds to address the impact of this epidemic on students, teachers, other staff, and the taxpayers of this district; and

WHEREAS a number of other school districts have filed or will be filing legal claims as part of Multi-District Litigation (“MDL”) and also in the bankruptcy court proceedings of certain defendants named in the claims in the MDL who have filed for bankruptcy protection (“Bankruptcy Litigation”), for the purpose of pretrial proceedings, including potential settlements of claims, and are seeking to become class representatives in the MDL and in the Bankruptcy Litigation in an effort to be part of the proposed negotiations class seeking compensation for the impact of this epidemic on the named school districts.

NOW THEREFORE the School Board hereby authorizes the following:

1. That this School Board hereby elects to file claims in the MDL and Bankruptcy Litigation, and to join the class action lawsuit settlement class in order to recoup damages inflicted by the opioid epidemic.

2. That this School Board appoints the following law firms to represent its interests in the lawsuit:
 - a. Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick & Dym (Chicago, Illinois)
 - b. Mehri & Skalet (Washington, D.C.)
 - c. Henrichsen Law Group (Washington, D.C.)
 - d. Terrell Hogan (Jacksonville, Florida)
 - e. Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon (Portland, ME and Manchester, NH)
 3. That this School Board directs the Superintendent of Schools and the Administrative staff to cooperate with the appointed attorneys to gather the necessary data and take other required actions necessary to assist the law firms in representing the interests of this School District/Unit.
 4. That the School District/Unit will expend no funds for its participation in this litigation, other than the personnel time necessary to gather data necessary to participate in the litigation.