



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE 11/03/09

SUBJECT: Donation of surplus computers to Black History Brain Bowl

DEPARTMENT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that we donate six computers that would otherwise be surplus and of little or no value to the Black History Brain Bowl

SUMMARY:

The Black History Brain Bowl is a national non-profit organization started in Volusia County in 2006 by Starr E. Woods. The goal is to provide educational resources to disadvantaged students. Every year the City sends surplus workstations to auction where we receive little or no revenue from the sale. Although these computers are not the latest and greatest and are at the replacement level for the City, they are still serviceable. IT recommends donating four workstations and two laptops.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance Resolution Budget Resolution

Other Support Documents/Contracts Available for Review in Manager's Office

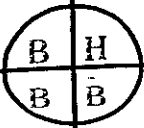
DEPARTMENT HEAD *[Signature]* Tony Marino Date 10/20/09

FINANCE DEPARTMENT *[Signature]* Approved as to Budget Requirements *[Signature]* Date 10/20/09

CITY ATTORNEY *[Signature]* Approved as to Form and Legality Date

CITY MANAGER *[Signature]* Approved Agenda Item For: 11/3/09

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved as Recommended Disapproved Tabled Indefinitely
 Continued to Date Certain Approved with Modification:



Black History Brain Bowl, Inc.

1920 Cove Point Road, Port Orange, Florida, 32128

September 19, 2009

*Copies to S. Kelly
T. Marino*

City of Port Orange
City Manager's Office
1000 City Center Circle
Port Orange, FL 32129

*Ms. Woods will appear @
Council u/3 meeting*

Dear Prospective Sponsor:

The Black History Brain Bowl, Inc. is a national non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. This organization started in Volusia County in 2006 by educator Starr E. Woods. The goals of this program are to improve our community, promote education advancement and provide educational resources for disadvantage students.

February 27, 2010, the Black History Brain Bowl competition will take place at the University of Central Florida on the Daytona State Campus. The purpose of this event is to help educate local middle and high school students on historical and current events as well as provide them with the technology resources needed to succeed.

From the inaugural event in 2006 to the present, the Brain Bowl has succeeded beyond our expectations and has grown in numbers. This is an event Volusia County students look forward to competing in every February. Each year the students come prepared and ready to compete. Thanks to our sponsors, including: Wal-Mart of Daytona Beach, Calvary Christian Church in Ormond Beach, University of Central Florida and Daytona State College we were able to award a four member winning high school team with laptop computers along with other prizes and special gifts, and middle school team with Best Buy gift cards and the winning medallion. We would like to do more in the 2010 Brain Bowl.

In previous years, the committee would have liked to provide each middle school team member of four with a desktop computer; and provide a laptop computer to each of the four high school team member. However, this represents an enormous financial undertaking for our small organization.

Therefore, we are asking the City of Port Orange for refurbished computer and any other form of technology that will help elevate disadvantage students' education. Each year, we look forward to our sponsors being able to help us through monetary and (or) computer donations. We hope that the City of Port Orange will take on the efforts with us and give our disadvantage students of Volusia County the educational resources they need to achieve.

The Brain Bowl Goals:

1. The committee obtains 4 desktop (for middle school) and 4 laptop computers (for high school) which is a total of 8 computers.
2. Educational technology is provided to the winning teams.
3. That every student walks away learning the richness of history.

As stated previously, the Brain Bowl is set for Saturday, February 27th. We hope that our request is granted and that the city is willing to help us spread the word about this exciting event.

This organization has dedicated itself to initiate the improving our community. Attached is a copy of the 2007, 2008 & 2009 winners and a News-Journal article from previous competitions. For any questions or concerns please contact Starr E. Woods, Brain Bowl Chair @ (386) 760-0041. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Starr E. Woods, M.Ed. & MPA
Black History Brain Bowl
Phone # (386) 760-0041

2007 Middle School Winners



2007 High School Winners



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Justin Yurkanin

SeQuagee McCloud, center, an 11th grader at Mainland High School competes with students from Spruce Creek High School in the 'Black History Brain Bowl' at the University of Central Florida's satellite campus in Daytona Beach on Saturday February 24, 2007. (Justin Yurkanin).



DAYTONA BEACH -- DAYTONA BEACH - The third annual Black History Brain Bowl turned out to be a family affair. Sponsored by the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, it was held in Daytona Beach on Feb. 23 in recognition of Black History Month.

Jonathon Davis, a freshman at Atlantic High School and member of the winning high school team of Bethune-Cookman University Explorers, can't brag too much to his twin sisters Sherlyn and Cherell, seventh-graders at Campbell Middle School.

The twins are members of the winning middle school team for the Young Women's Scholastic and Physical Fitness Program, the first all-girls team to win the competition.

In addition, the winning teams' directors are married to one another. Fredrick Milton is director of the BCU Explorers Program for boys grades 8-12 and G. Iris Threatt-Milton is the director of the Young Women's Scholastic and Physical Fitness Program for girls grades 4-12.

The Miltons have been committed to working with Volusia County youth for more than 15 years. Joining Jonathan on the winning team of high schoolers are Samuel Mwenda, a senior at Mainland High School, Hosea Crooms - team captain and a sophomore at Atlantic High School, and Matthew Brown,

a freshman at Atlantic High School.

Each member of the team received a laptop computer.

Sherlyn and Cherell took top awards with team members Jade McCrary, team captain and eighth-grader at Silver Sands Middle School, and Kourtney Littles, an eighth-grader at Creekside Middle School.

The middle school winners each received an MP3 player.

The National Council of Negro Women is a coalition of organizations whose goal is improving communities by advocating educational advancement and economic empowerment.

Cutline: Photo 1: The middle school winners of the 2008 Black History Brain Bowl were from the Young Women's Scholastic and Physical Fitness Program. Each member received a medallion and an MP3 player. Pictured, from left, are Sherlyn Davis, a seventh-grader at Campbell Middle School, Jade McCrary, team captain and eighth-grader at Silver Sands Middle School, Coach G. Iris Threatt-Milton, Kourtney Littles, an eighth-grader at Creekside Middle School and Cherell Davis, a seventh-grader at Campbell Middle School.

Neighbors/ PHYLLIS SALMONS

Photo 2: The winning boys team is the Bethune-Cookman University Explorers High School team. Pictured from left is Jonathan Davis, a freshman at Atlantic High School, Samuel Mwenda, a senior at Mainland High School, team captain Hosea Crooms, a sophomore at Atlantic High School and Matthew Brown, a freshman at Atlantic High School.

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