

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 12, 1999

May 3, 1999

Office of School Board Attorney
Phyllis O. Douglas, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: JANE DOE v. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 95-05552 CA 03/SETTLEMENT**

This lawsuit was filed against the School Board, Octavio Visiedo, Angeline Welty, Leonard Glazer and George Crear, in 1995. During the course of the proceedings, the administrator defendants were dropped from the case, default judgment was entered against George Crear and the case proceeded to a four-week jury trial against the School Board, which resulted on June 30, 1998, in a final judgment against the School Board in the amount of \$720,000. Pursuant to the federal statutes under which this case was tried, the plaintiff's attorney is entitled to attorney's fees and costs in this matter. Inasmuch as the case was in litigation for three years, and numerous depositions were taken in Miami-Dade County and elsewhere, the attorney's fees are substantial.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize settlement in the case of Jane Doe v. The School Board of Dade County, Florida, Case No. 95-05552 CA 03 in the total amount of \$900,000 in return for a release of all claims including claims for the judgment, attorney's fees, costs, and interest.