

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of September 13, 2000

September 12, 2000

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CASE OF JOHNSON ET. AL. v. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 98-3017-CIV-JORDAN

In December, 1998, the School Board was sued in the above-referenced case. The federal court trial in this matter was scheduled to commence on September 25, 2000. On August 30, 2000, the School Board made an Offer of Judgment. The Plaintiffs accepted the Offer of Judgment.

This item does not appear in the regularly published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda to ensure that this item is brought to the Board in a timely manner.

The School Board Attorney recommends that the Board authorize the payment of the Offer of Judgment as set forth below. Administration concurs with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the payment of the School Board's Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$200,000 to resolve in its entirety the case of Johnson et. al. v. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, U.S.D.C. Case No. 98-3017-CIV-JORDAN. This authorization of payment releases the School Board from all claims made by all Plaintiffs including damages, attorneys' fees and costs.

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