

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of February 14, 2001

January 29, 2001

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. PRISCILLA G. STEPHENS KRUIZE - DOAH CASE NO. 00-1114

On March 15, 2000, the School Board terminated teacher Priscilla G. Stephens Kruize's employment contract, pending a hearing if requested. A hearing was requested and the case was tried on September 15, 2000, before DOAH Administrative Law Judge Florence Rivas Snyder in Miami, Florida. By recommended order entered December 5, 2000, the Administrative Law Judge recommended that the School Board enter a final order sustaining the action to terminate Respondent's professional service contract with the School Board.

Exceptions to the recommended order have been filed on behalf of the employee. Those exceptions, along with the recommended order and complete record in the case, have been forwarded to the School Board members under separate cover. The exceptions, in essence, challenge the collective bargaining agreement between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the United Teachers of Dade.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter its final order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Priscilla G. Stephens Kruize, accepting the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in DOAH Case No. 00-1114 or accepting the exceptions set forth in Respondent's Exceptions to Recommended Order, filed on behalf of the employee on January 16, 2001.

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