

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of August 21, 2002

August 12, 2002

Office of School Board Attorney
Johnny Brown, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF MELINDA L. McNICHOLS, AS ASSISTANT
BOARD ATTORNEY**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES, MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND
MARKETING**

Effective August 9, 2002, Assistant Board Attorney John A. Greco resigned his position with the Office of School Board Attorney. Mr. Greco had been handling a variety of cases including administrative hearings, state and federal cases. His departure necessitates the hiring of another Assistant Board Attorney. Accordingly, this office advertised the position in the Miami Daily Business Review.

The Board Attorney recommends the employment of Melinda L. McNichols. Ms. McNichols graduated from Duke University School of Law in 1985. She has served as an Adjunct Professor of Constitutional Law at Barry University and Certified Court Appointed Mediator in commercial, personal injury and family law. From June 1985 to December 1988, she served as associate attorney at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. and then at Bailey and Hunt, P.A. for two years. Subsequently, she worked at Child Welfare Legal Services, Florida Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS) and Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Most recently, she serves as Chief of Staff for Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

Ms. McNichols is recommended for employment effective August 22, 2002 for the period through June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of \$90,000.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve and authorize the execution of an employment agreement with Melinda L. McNichols as Assistant Board Attorney for the period August 22, 2002 through June 30, 2003, at an annual salary of \$90,000.