

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of January 15, 2003

December 19, 2002

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. JOANNE T. STERN - DOAH CASE NO. 01-3991

On October 24, 2001, the School Board suspended teacher Joanne T. Stern from her employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and initiated dismissal proceedings against her for failure to correct identified performance deficiencies during her 90-calendar day performance probation. A hearing was requested and the case was tried on May 10 and June 13, 2002, before DOAH Administrative Law Judge Patricia Hart Malono by video teleconference in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

By recommended order entered October 31, 2002, the Administrative Law Judge sustained the School Board's charges and recommended that the School Board enter a final order terminating the professional service contract of Joanne T. Stern.

Respondent was granted two (2) extensions of time in which to file exceptions. Exceptions were to be filed on or before December 12, 2002. Exceptions were filed on December 13, 2002. These exceptions take issue with certain findings of fact and failure to make certain findings of fact.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida enter a final order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Joanne T. Stern, DOAH Case No. 01-3991, adopting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order sustaining the suspension without pay of Joanne T. Stern and terminating her employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as of October 24, 2001, or accepting the exceptions set forth in "Respondent's Exceptions to Recommendations of Hearing Officer".

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