

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of February 14, 2007

February 1, 2007

Office of School Board Attorney  
JulieAnn Rico, Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIVIDUALLY NAMED DEFENDANT IN THE LITIGATION MATTER OF: *ANTHONY BROOKS v. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND DEBORAH LOVE, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HER CAPACITY AS PRINCIPAL*, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 06-23024-CIV-MORENO**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

The above-referenced lawsuit was filed on December 15, 2006 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, against The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the individually named Defendant, Deborah Love. Ms. Deborah Love is the Principal of Miami Jackson Senior High School. The Board Attorney's office hereby submits this request to the Board for authorization to provide legal representation to Ms. Deborah Love, who is a named Defendant in her individual and official capacity.

The lawsuit contains nine counts including: "Deprivation of Constitutional rights and privileges," "infringement of liberty interest," "tortious interference with employment relationship," "breach of Plaintiff's constitutional rights," and "defamation." The actions alleged in the lawsuit are alleged to have been committed by the individually named Defendant in the course of the performance of her job duties and responsibilities while employed by the School Board.

Pursuant to School Board Rules 6Gx13-1C-1.02 *Legal Services for Employees of the Board*, and the authority conferred under § 1012.26, Fla. Stat. (2006), the Board Attorney's office hereby requests that the Board authorize the provision of legal representation by the School Board Attorney's office for the individually named Defendant in this lawsuit. In the interim, the Board Attorney's office will be filing the necessary documents with the Court to protect the Defendant's legal interests.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the office of the School Board Attorney to provide or secure legal representation for the defense of Ms. Deborah Love, an individually named Defendant, in the matter of *Anthony Brooks v. Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and Deborah Love*, United States District Court Case No. 06-23024-CIV-MORENO.

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