

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of February 13, 2008

January 31, 2008

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. MICHAEL SPAULDING - DOAH Case No. 07-3791

On July 11, 2007, the School Board took action to suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Michael Spaulding, a Bus Aide with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The charges included excessive absenteeism, abandonment of position, non-performance of job responsibilities, and violations of School Board Rules 6Gx13-4E-1.01, Absences and Leaves; 6Gx13-4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties and 6Gx13-4A-1.213, Code of Ethics. Mr. Spaulding requested an administrative hearing on the termination of his employment, and the hearing was held on November 16, 2007 before Administrative Law Judge Robert E. Meale.

By Recommended Order entered January 23, 2008, the Administrative Law Judge recommended that the School Board enter a final order dismissing Mr. Spaulding from employment.

Details of this agenda item will be made available prior to the regularly scheduled February 13, 2008 Board meeting. Respondent has not filed exceptions to the Recommended Order. Should the Respondent submit written exceptions to the School Board before the prescribed deadline, this item will be withdrawn and placed on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting. This will allow sufficient time to prepare a complete Record of the administrative proceedings that is required whenever exceptions are filed.

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