

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of February 10, 2010

January 27, 2010

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. WALKYRIA DOLZ, DOAH Case No. 09-4092

On July 15, 2009, the School Board took action to suspend Walkyria Dolz, a teacher with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, for ten (10) workdays without pay for just cause including, but not limited to, misconduct in office, and violations of School Board Rules 6Gx13- 4A-1.21, Responsibilities and Duties and 6Gx13- 4A-1.213, Code of Ethics. Ms. Dolz requested an administrative hearing. The hearing was held on October 23, 2009 before Administrative Law Judge John G. Van Laningham ("ALJ")

In his Recommended Order, the ALJ resolved conflicting witness testimony in favor of the Respondent. Accordingly, by Recommended Order entered January 8, 2010, the ALJ recommended that the School Board enter a final order exonerating Ms. Dolz of all charges and awarding her back pay and benefits accrued during the period of her suspension.

We recommend acceptance of the ALJ's Recommended Order as the School Board's Final Order.

A copy of the Recommended Order is being furnished to the Board under separate cover with a copy of the proposed Final Order for the Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter a Final Order accepting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Walkyria Dolz, DOAH Case No. 09-4092 exonerating Respondent of all charges and awarding her back pay and benefits accrued during the period of the suspension.

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