

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of November 19, 2013

November 4, 2013

Office of School Board Attorney  
Walter J. Harvey, School Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. ARTHURINE BROWN, DOAH Case No. 13-1890**

On May 8, 2013, the School Board suspended Arthurine Brown without pay and initiated dismissal proceedings against her for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office, violation of School Board Policy 4210 – Standards of Ethical Conduct, violation of School Board Policy 4210.01 – Code of Ethics, violation of School Board Policy 4213 – Student Supervision and Welfare, and violation of School Board Policy 5630 – Corporal Punishment and Use of Reasonable Force. Ms. Brown timely requested an administrative hearing.

On July 25, 2013, Administrative Law Judge, Claude B. Arrington, of the Division of Administrative Hearings (“DOAH”) presided over Ms. Brown’s administrative hearing. Judge Arrington issued his Recommended Order on September 30, 2013, recommending that the School Board sustain its decision to suspend Respondent without pay and dismiss her from further employment with the District.

We recommend that the School Board accept the 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. Arthurine Brown, DOAH Case No. 13-1890 suspending Respondent without pay and dismissing Respondent from further employment with the School Board.

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