

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of June 19, 2002

June 7, 2002

Office of School Board Attorney  
Johnny Brown, School Board Attorney

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROMULGATION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING 6Gx13- 4A-1.212, CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

At its meeting of May 15, 2002, The School Board directed the Board Attorney to review current School Board Rules to determine if promulgation of a new rule is needed, and to recommend language restricting business relationships between former Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) senior executives and the school district. The proposed rule restricts the identified employee's business relationships with the school district for two (2) years after the affected employee's School Board service terminates.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the proposed new rule.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the promulgation of new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.212, Conflict of Interest.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to promulgate new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.212, Conflict of Interest.

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on June 19, 2002, its intention to promulgate new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.212, Conflict of Interest, at its meeting of August 21, 2002.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To prohibit School Board employees from doing business with the school district for two (2) years after their service terminates in order to discourage the appearance of impropriety associated with former employees prior knowledge, contacts or relationship with the school district.

**SUMMARY:** The rule prohibits school district employees from doing business with the school district for two (2) years after their employment terminates.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 112.313(13) F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF August 21, 2002, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by July 15, 2002, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Mr. Johnny Brown  
Date: June 7, 2002

Permanent Personnel

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

I. Statutory Provisions

School Board employees are governed by the statutory provisions contained in the "Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees," Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and by certain other statutes in the School Code.

Section 112.313(13), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of any school district may adopt a resolution providing that a school district employee may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the school district of which the individual was an employee for a period of two (2) years following termination of employment, except for the purpose of collective bargaining.

II. Policy

The policy of restricting business relationships between school district employees and the school district upon termination of employment discourages the appearance of impropriety associated with the school district employees' prior knowledge contacts or relationship with school district personnel, and the perception of undue influence upon the business functions of the school district.

III. Provisions

A. School Board employees are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity or acting as an agent or attorney for compensation in connection with any matter in which Miami-Dade County Public Schools is interested for two (2) years after the School Board employees' service terminates.

B. The restriction applies to all school senior level employees classified as Managerial Exempt Personnel, Pay Grade 22 and above, Dade County School Administrators Association, Pay Grade 47 and above, and other equivalent positions.

- C. Exception to this provision is provided by statute for collective bargaining, and may be granted to former school district employees who are employees or agents of not-for-profit organizations, other governmental agencies or those whose business relationship is determined by the School Board to be in the best interest of the school district.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 112.313(13) F.S.

History

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA