

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Chair

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISH HOURLY RATE & CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL AND RECEIVE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S LEGAL OPINION ON SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY'S AND SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT AND DETERMINE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION**

At its Special meeting of September 4, 2008, the School Board selected Murray A. Greenberg, Esquire, from four applicants, as its Special Counsel for the purpose of issuing a legal opinion on the legal responsibilities and any possible exposure or liability with respect to the School Board Attorney's and the Superintendent of School's contract of employment. As a result of the selection of the Special Counsel, several matters remain to be determined with respect to the Special Counsel's contract and with the opinions that are to be rendered by the Special Counsel.

This item requests that the Board consider and agree upon the hourly rate of \$350 for the Special Counsel and establish a fixed contract amount not to exceed \$25,000. It is also anticipated that the Special Counsel will issue his preliminary opinion or recommendations and that the Board discuss the Special Counsel's recommendations, and if the board deems it appropriate, agree upon a course of action that will lead to an amicable resolution of this matter.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA, CHAIR:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. agree upon an hourly rate of \$350 and a contract amount not to exceed \$25,000; and
2. receive the Special Counsel's opinion(s) and recommendations, and
3. if appropriate, agree upon a course of action that will lead to an amicable resolution of this matter.

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