

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of April 14, 2010

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

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR RETENTION OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL
IN THE CASE OF JULIEANN RICO v. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL
BOARD, CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 10-19578 CA 25**

On April 5, 2010, the School Board was served with the above-referenced public records lawsuit. The School Board has already retained outside counsel, Mr. Thomas R. Julin, a partner with the law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP to represent a School Board member in a related case. In order to provide for an effective and efficient representation of the School Board in this case, the Board Attorney is recommending that this case also be assigned to Mr. Julin at his pre-established rate.

Mr. Julin advised that he is willing to represent the School Board in this new matter at his previously agreed-upon blended rate of \$450 per hour for the attorneys at his firm. The blended rate constitutes a substantial discount of Mr. Julin's regular rate. The costs of this litigation will be funded through the District's Risk Management Loss Fund.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the retention of Mr. Thomas R. Julin, Esquire, a partner with the law firm of Hunton & Williams, LLP, to represent the School Board in the case of JulieAnn Rico v. Miami-Dade County School Board, Circuit Court Case No.10-19578 CA 25, at the blended rate of \$450 per hour for Mr. Julin and his associates.

REPLACEMENT

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