

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 15, 2011

June 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER: Rafael Mejia v. Miami-Dade County School Board, et. al., Circuit Court Case No. 11-10889 CA 24

This lawsuit was served on the School Board on April 11, 2011. The plaintiff also served this lawsuit on several defendant School Police department employees on April 19, 2011, alleging false arrest and breach of contract. In accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 1C-1.02, (*Legal Services for Employees of the Board*) and the authority vested under § 1012.26 Fla. Stat. (2010), the individually named Defendants have formally requested that the School Board provide them with legal representation. We are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for the individually named Defendants in the above-referenced case. These employees will be represented by counsel from the School Board Attorney's office. In the interim, the Board Attorney's office will be filing the necessary documents with the Court to protect the Defendants' legal interests. A copy of the Complaint will be sent by separate cover.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the office of the School Board Attorney to provide or secure legal representation for the defense of School Board employees that are the individually named defendants in the matter known as Rafael Mejia v. Miami-Dade County School Board, et. al., Circuit Court Case No. 11-10889 CA 24.

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