

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY- PERSONNEL/LABOR AND ASSISTANT SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY – BUSINESS OPERATIONS] ADDED

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

At its meeting of October 14, 2009, The School Board approved Agenda Item G-1, which provided for the restructuring of the School Board Attorney's Office ("SBAO"). Agenda Item G-1 also indicated that when certain attorney positions become vacant, the positions would be advertised and qualified candidates would be presented for the Board's approval.

One SBAO attorney recently resigned from her fulltime position. Upon notification of the resignation, qualified candidates were interviewed by SBAO attorneys. Having completed this screening process, we are now requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Christopher J. La Piano, Esq., to fill this Assistant School Board Attorney vacancy.] REVIS E D

In order to properly address legal issues associated with capital projects emanating from the General Obligation Bond Program, and legal matters related to the work performed by Office of Economic Opportunity, we are also requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Ms. Ronda Vangates, Esq., for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney – Business Operations.] A D D E D

Both attorneys are former employees of the school district. The proposed contracts, job descriptions, resumes and references for both Mr. La Piano and Ms. Vangates will be forwarded under separate cover.]

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the employment contracts for Christopher J. La Piano, Esq., for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney – Personnel/Labor, and of Ms. Ronda Vangates, Esq., for the position of Assistant School Board Attorney – Business Operations.] A D D E D

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