

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of July 19,2023

July 12, 2023

Office of the General Counsel
Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTER: Willie R. Hollis v. Paul Eugene Ancrum and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Case No. 23-001271-CA 01

On February 10, 2023, the lawsuit of *Willie R. Hollis v. Paul Eugene Ancrum and the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida* was served on The School Board of Miami-Dade County. Subsequently on July 6, 2023, the lawsuit was also filed on Paul Eugene Ancrum, a former maintenance employee of the School Board. The complaint alleges that the Defendants' negligence resulted in the Plaintiff's injuries. In accordance with the District's established practice and School Board policy, the individually named Defendant has formally requested that the School Board provide him with legal representation. The acts alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint arose out of and in the course of the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities of the individually named employee.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6900, *Legal Services for Employees of the Board* and § 1012.26 Fla. Stat. (2022), we are requesting that the School Board authorize the provision of legal representation for the individually named Defendant in the above-captioned lawsuit. In the interim, the Board Attorney's office will be filing the necessary documents with the Court to protect the Defendant's legal interests.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from he published agenda because the employee Defendant's request for representation was made after he was recently served with the lawsuit and after the publication of the Agenda.

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 legal defense of the current School Board employee who is individually named as a defendant in the case of *Willie R. Hollis v. Paul Eugene Ancrum and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida*, Case No 23-0012715-CA 01.

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