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Office of Human Capital Management

- SUBJECT:
- 1) RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF AGREED UPON DISCIPLINARY ACTION
  - 2) RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION PENDING APPEAL

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:** **HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

This item seeks the Board's approval for employee disciplinary actions that are 1) agreed upon by the employee and 2) pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding, if requested. The employees listed herein were provided written notice of the recommended disciplinary action in their respective cases.

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- RECOMMENDED:**
- 1) That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, which has been agreed to by the employees.
    - A) Jacqueline A. Bismarck: suspension without pay from her position as Teacher at Felix Varela Senior High School, for five (5) workdays, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

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- B) Rita R. Chester: suspension without pay from her position as PT Food Service Worker II at Coral Reef Senior High School, for five (5) calendar days, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; and 4380, Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
- C) Kenneth S. Fonseca: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Coral Reef Senior High School, for ten (10) workdays, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; continued gross insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
- D) Terrance X. Hunt: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Miami Central Senior High School, for three (3) workdays, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; gross insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 3121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of All Employees; 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 3210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
- E) Winston G. Lee: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Medical Academy for Science and Technology @ Homestead, for five (5) workdays, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; gross insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

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- F) James R. Miller: suspension without pay from his position as Trades Helper at Maintenance Service Center 1, for twenty (20) calendar days, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: gross insubordination; excessive absenteeism; and violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; and 4430, Leaves of Absence. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.67, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Article XI, Section 1 of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Dade County School Maintenance Employees Committee (DCSMEC).
  - G) Juan Pelaez: suspension without pay from his position as Custodian at Kendale Elementary School, for fifteen (15) calendar days, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: gross insubordination; and violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 4210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
  - H) Lesli Towns: suspension without pay from her position as School Security Monitor at BioTech @ Richmond Heights 9-12 Senior High School, for five (5) workdays, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; and 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes.
- 2) That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding, if requested.
- A) Christine Kendrick Barnett: suspension without pay from her position as School Bus Driver at Southwest Transportation Center, for thirty (30) calendar days, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare; 8600, Transportation; and 8670, Post Trip Inspections of School Buses. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

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B) Martin M. Zaretsky: suspension without pay and initiation of dismissal proceedings from his position as Network Infrastructure Support at Infrastructure & System User Support, effective April 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of All Employees; 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 4210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.32, 1012.40, 435.04, 435.06, and 447.209, Florida Statutes.

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