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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Petitioner

DOAH CASE NO. 03-1227

vs.

KARI E. SHOUSE

AT

SBK-Clos

Respondent

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**FINAL ORDER**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 25, 2002, the Superintendent of Schools for Pinellas County, Florida, recommended to the Pinellas County School Board that Kari E. Shouse be dismissed from her employment for violations of School Board Policy 8.25 (1)(v), which constitute grounds for her dismissal.

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2002, Kari E. Shouse, by and through her attorney, Mark Herdman, requested an administrative hearing, which hearing was conducted before Administrative Law Judge Susan B. Kirkland on June 10, 2003, and

WHEREAS, Administrative Law Judge Susan B. Kirkland found that the Petitioner has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Kari E. Shouse violated School Board Policy 8.25 (1) (v), by giving answers to students during the administration of earth science examinations, that her conduct impaired her effectiveness in the school system, and that her actions constituted grounds for her dismissal with Pinellas County Schools and

WHEREAS, this Board sitting as a quasi-judicial body, having reviewed relevant portions of the record which record consists of the School Board's Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Supporting Memorandum, the Respondent's Proposed Recommended Order, the Transcript of the hearing, and the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order, and being otherwise advised in the premises, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, that the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order dated August 15, 2003, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein, be adopted as this Board's Final Order and that Kari Shouse's employment is hereby terminated. It is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, that Respondent is hereby notified of her right to appeal this Order to the Second District Court of Appeal by filing notice of the intent to do so upon the Clerk of the Court and the Clerk of the School Board within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 23rd day of September, 2003.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Nancy Bostock  
Acting - Chairman

Attest: J. W. Williams  
Ex-officio Secretary