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BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA,
Petitioner,

AT

v.

DOAH Case No. 03-1958

WRP-CWS

MARK COOK,
Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

This action is before the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida ("School Board") on the Recommended Order of Administrative Law Judge William R. Pfeiffer dated January 7, 2004. Mr. Cook has timely filed exceptions to the Recommended Order, and the Superintendent has responded thereto.

Upon due consideration, it is ordered and adjudged that:

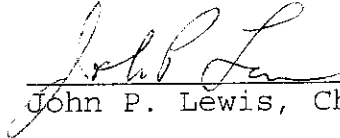
1. The Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge dated January 7, 2004, is accepted and incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, Mr. Cook shall remain on paid suspension from May 6, 2003, through May 20, 2003. Mr. Cook's employment with the School Board is terminated as of May 20, 2003. Mr. Cook is not entitled to terminal pay.

2. The exceptions filed by Mr. Cook are overruled as there is competent, substantial evidence to support the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge.

This is a final order appealable to the Second District Court of Appeal. Any appeal must be filed within thirty (30)

days of rendition of this final order in accordance with Rule 9.110(c) of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of March, 2004, at Sarasota, Florida.



John P. Lewis, Chair

cc: Andrew Froman, Esq.
Robert Robinson, Esq.