

BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Petitioner,

vs.

Case No.: 09-2749
JUDGE CLAUDE ARRINGTON

REBECCA SORENSEN
Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE, came before the SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (hereinafter referred to as "SCHOOL BOARD") pursuant to Section 120.569 and 120.57 Fla. Stat., on September 9, 2009 in West Palm Beach Florida for the purpose of administrative hearing the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order was entered on November 18, 2009 recommending that a final order be entered suspending Respondent without pay for ten (10) days.

Present at the hearing for the Petitioner was counsel, Vicki L. Evans-Paré, Associate Counsel, Personnel, Respondent's counsel, Peter Perettine, and Respondent, Rebecca Sorensen. Upon review of the Recommended Order, the Board makes the following findings and conclusions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The findings of fact set forth in the Recommended Order are approved, adopted and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
2. There is competent substantial evidence to support the findings of fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 120.57(1).
2. The conclusions of law set forth in the Recommended Order are approved, adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUGED, that the Recommended Order from the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted and approved by the School Board and resolves all issues relating to the appeal of Rebecca Sorensen's recommended disciplinary action. Accordingly, the Board hereby issues a Final Order suspending Rebecca Sorensen without pay for ten (10) work days commencing on 4/5/2010. This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with Clerk of the SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

DONE AND ORDERED this 27th day of January, 2010.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD



ARTHUR JOHNSON, PH.D., SUPERINTENDENT



MONROE BENJAMIN, CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

Any party who was adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review pursuant to Fla. Stat. §120.68. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing one copy of a Notice of Appeal with the agency clerk of the SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY and a second copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the 4th District Court of Appeal or with the District Court of Appeal in the Appellate District, where the party resides. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of rendition of the Order to be reviewed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 27th day of January, 2010 to: Certified Mail Return Receipt to: Peter Perettine, Esq., 190 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33432, Claude Arrington, Administrative Law Judge, Division of

Administrative Hearings, The DeSoto Building, 1230 Appalachian Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060; Honorable Eric Smith, Commissioner of Education, Turlington Building, Suite 1514, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400; Deborah Kearney, General Counsel, Department of Education, 1244 Turlington Building, 315 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

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