

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**Case No. 14-4717**

**HOLLY BAMONTE,  
Respondent.**

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE is before the School Board of Escambia County for final agency action in accordance with Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. The School Board finds as follows:

1. Pursuant to notice, an administrative hearing was held in this matter before Diane Cleavinger, Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings on December 15, 2014 in Pensacola, Florida. The subject matter of the hearing was whether the Respondent should be terminated from employment with the Petitioner.

2. Judge Cleavinger concluded that the Respondent violated the Escambia County School Board's Code of Ethics, and that termination of the Respondent's instructional contract with the School Board was warranted and should be upheld.

3. Judge Cleavinger issued a Recommended Order on March 2, 2015 which recommended that:

The Escambia County School Board enter a final order terminating the Respondent's employment effective September 17, 2014 as originally noticed and approved by the Board.

4. The time to file exceptions to the Recommended Order has expired. Neither party filed exceptions.

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**THEREFORE, UPON DUE CONSIDERATION, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

The Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge dated March 2, 2015 is adopted and incorporated into this Final Order by reference.

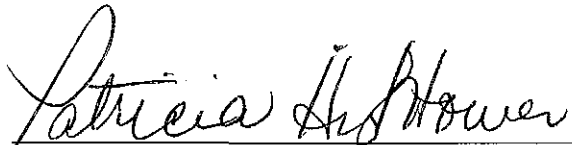
Accordingly, Respondent's employment with the School Board of Escambia County, Florida is terminated effective September 17, 2014.

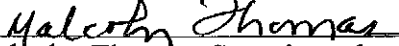
**DONE AND ORDERED** by the School Board of Escambia County, Florida on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

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MALCOLM THOMAS, SUPERINTENDENT  
~~VERIFIED BY RECORDING SECRETARY~~

  
Patricia Hightower, Chair

Attest:   
Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

This Final Order constitutes final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this Final Order has the right to seek judicial review of the Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this Final Order.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished electronically and/or by United States Mail this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 to:

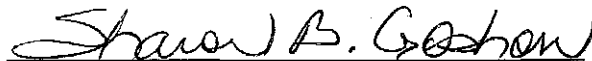
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