

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

CASE NO. 15-6467 TTS

Petitioner,

v.

MICHELLE WHITCO,

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER**

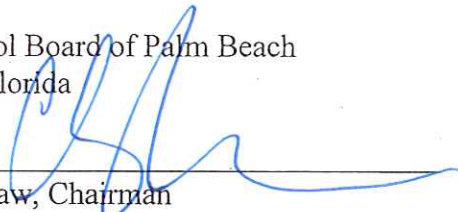
THIS CAUSE, came before The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as "SCHOOL BOARD") pursuant to §120.569 and §120.57, Fla. Stat., after an administrative hearing was conducted before the Honorable Robert E. Meale on May 24, 2016. The Recommended Order was entered by the Honorable Robert E. Meale on August 16, 2016, recommending that a final order be entered by the Palm Beach County School Board issuing a verbal reprimand with a written notation instead of the proposed one-day's suspension, and denying Respondent's claim for back pay.

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to §120.57, Fla. Stat.
2. That the Board hereby accepts and approves the findings, conclusion and recommendations of the Recommended Order dated August 16, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
3. That this Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the School Board.

DONE and ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2017.

The School Board of Palm Beach  
County, Florida

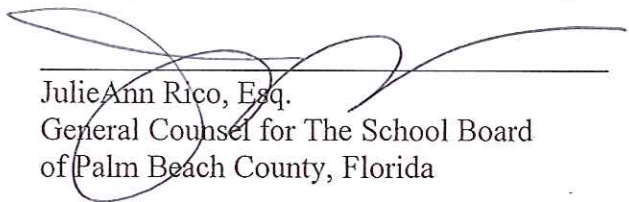
  
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Chuck Shaw, Chairman

  
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Robert M. Avossa, Ed.D., Superintendent

*NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW*

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, Fla. Stat. 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, Florida, and a second copy, accompanied by appropriate filing fees as prescribed by law, with Fourth District Court of Appeals, or with the District Court of Appeal in the Appellate District, where the party resides, if applicable. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of the Order to be reviewed.

Respectfully submitted this 18 day of Jan, 2017.

  
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JulieAnn Rico, Esq.  
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of Palm Beach County, Florida

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been delivered by Electronic Mail to: nick@tjlawpa.com Nick Caggia, Esq., Law Office of Thomas Johnson, P.A., this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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