

BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ROBERT W. RUNCIE, Superintendent,

Petitioner,

vs.

DANIELLE ARNOLD, Employee,

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, through its Superintendent, ROBERT W. RUNCIE, and files this Administrative Complaint and states the following:

I. JURISDICTIONAL BASIS

1. The Agency is The School Board of Broward County, Florida located at 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida 33301.

2. The Petitioner is Robert W. Runcie, who is the Superintendent of Schools of Broward County, Florida. His address is 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida 33301.

3. The Petitioner is statutorily obligated to recommend the placement of School Board personnel, and require compliance and observance by all personnel with all laws, rules and regulations. See '1012.27, Fla. Stat.

4. The employee against whom discipline is recommended, Respondent, DANIELLE ARNOLD, is currently employed as a teacher at North Andrews Gardens

Elementary School.

5. The legal basis for Ms. Arnold's suspension is misconduct in office and a neglect of duty. See ' 1012.33, Fla. Stat.; Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-5.056, 6A-10.081(3)(a).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

The Petitioner, Robert W. Runcie, alleges as follows:

6. This recommendation is based upon conduct during the 2013-2014 school year.

7. The Respondent is a third grade teacher at North Andrews Gardens Elementary School.

8. On March 4, 2014, the administration at North Andrews Gardens Elementary was notified that a third grade student was found, at home, without the parent or guardian's knowledge.

9. The Guidance Counselor, Jami Lamar, went to the student's home where she was advised that the student was left, alone, in the Respondent's classroom.

10. The student stated that he was using the restroom and when he came out, the entire class was gone, he was not feeling well, so he grabbed his backpack, walked off of campus, and walked home, where he tried to get into the house by climbing through a window.

11. The teacher admitted that she had walked her students to the cafeteria for lunch, and she believes that the student must have been 'hiding' in the bathroom.

12. On March 13, 2014, a pre-disciplinary conference was held to discuss the Respondent's conduct in failing to adequately supervise the student and in failing to report him missing when he left her supervision.

13. Following that meeting, and in accordance with the School Board's disciplinary

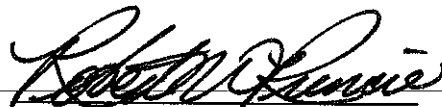
guidelines set forth in Policy 4.9, Principal Davida Shacter recommended that the Respondent be suspended, without pay, for a period of ten days.

14. Having reviewed the materials supporting the charges against the Respondent, the Petitioner/Superintendent hereby agrees with the recommendation of Principal Shacter that Danielle Arnold be suspended without pay from her position as a teacher at North Andrews Gardens Elementary School for a total of ten days.

15. In accordance with Florida law, this recommendation for suspension must be reviewed, and approved by the School Board. *See* '1012.33(6)(b), Fla. Stat.

16. If the ultimate decision is adverse to her, the Respondent may challenge the decision by seeking an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes.

EXECUTED this 1st day of April, 2014.



ROBERT W. RUNCIE
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Debra P. Klauber, Esq.
Cadre Attorney