

January 28, 2015

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING
THE DISMISSAL OF RHONDA PACE, TENURED TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO
GEORGE LELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-85, a hearing was conducted before an impartial hearing officer, Vicki Peterson Cohen, certified by the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Rhonda Pace, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and recommended the discharge of Ms. Pace; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has reviewed the post-hearing briefs and hearing transcript and exhibits ("record"), along with the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of Hearing Officer Cohen regarding the dismissal charges preferred against Rhonda Pace; and

WHEREAS, the parties were given an opportunity to submit exceptions and memoranda of law in support of or in opposition to the Board's adoption of Hearing Officer Cohen's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago accepts the factual findings and conclusions of the hearing officer, and concludes that the record establishes facts that constitute cause for dismissal of Ms. Pace;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as follows:

Section 1: After considering (a) the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, (b) the record of the dismissal hearing, and (c) post-hearing memoranda submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago accepts the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and legal conclusions, and the Board determines that the record establishes facts that constitute cause for dismissal of Ms. Pace.

Section 2: Rhonda Pace is hereby dismissed from her employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago effective January 28, 2015.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on January 28, 2015.