RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF LEON TOWNSEND TENURED TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO EVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing that was afforded to Leon Townsend, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and recommended the dismissal of Leon Townsend; 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 Leon Townsend; and

WHEREAS, the parties were given an opportunity to submit exceptions and a memorandum 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 finds that the facts found by the Hearing Officer constitute cause and grounds for dismissal of Leon Townsend;

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

Section 1: After considering the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, (b) the record of the dismissal hearing, and (c) the exceptions and memoranda of law submitted by the Petitioner and Respondent, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago accepts the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and legal conclusions.

Section 2: Leon Townsend is hereby dismissed from his employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago.

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

THEREFORE, this Resolution is herby adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on April 25, 2012.