



Board of Education

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Board Report

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RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF KAREN BEILFUSS, TENURED TEACHER, ASSIGNED TO SOCORRO SANDOVAL 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, Lisa Salkovitz Kohn (the "Hearing Officer"), certified by the Illinois State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Karen Beilfuss, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and determined that the CEO proved cause for Karen Beilfuss to be dismissed from her position as a school counselor with Chicago Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") has reviewed the hearing transcript, exhibits, and post-hearing briefs ("Record"), along with the findings of fact and determination of the Hearing Officer;

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 the Hearing Officer's determination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85(a)(7) of the Illinois School Code, the Board is charged with deciding whether the teacher shall be dismissed from its employ.

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

Section 1: After considering (a) the Record of the dismissal hearing, (b) the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and recommendation, and (c) the exceptions and memoranda of law submitted by the parties, the Board has issued an Opinion and Order accepting the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and adopting the Hearing Officer's determination that the Board has cause for dismissal;

Section 2: The Board determines that the evidenced proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Karen Beilfuss engaged in irremediable misconduct;

Section 3: Karen Beilfuss is hereby dismissed from employment with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago; and

Section 4: 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 April 24, 2025.