Board Report

24-1212-RS7 WITHDRAWN

Agenda Date: 12/12/2024

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF ANTONIO ROSS, CONTRACT PRINCIPAL FOR HYDE PARK CAREER ACADEMY HIGH 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, Peter R. Meyers (the "Hearing Officer"), certified by the Illinois State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the dismissal hearing afforded to Antonio Ross, the Hearing Officer made written findings of fact and recommended that Antonio Ross be dismissed from employment as a principal with Chicago Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago reviewed the hearing transcript, exhibits, and posthearing briefs ("Record"), along with the findings of fact and recommendation 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 recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34-85(a)(7) of the Illinois School Code, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago is charged with deciding whether the principal 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 exception and memoranda of law submitted by the parties, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago has issued an Opinion and Order accepting the Hearing Officer's findings and recommendation to dismiss Antonio Ross;

Section 2: The Board of Education of the City of Chicago determines that the evidence proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Antonio Ross engaged in irremediable misconduct;

Section 3: Antonio Ross is hereby terminated from his position as a principal for Chicago Public Schools; 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 December 12, 2024.