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To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: great board seminar and a follow up question.
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Spoke to Liz Hernandez and Cathy Swanson regarding this matter. Concluded that for two reasons there was no conflict for School Board employees to sit on the School Community Relations Committee. First, some seats on the Committee are reserved for School Board employees. Secondly, any benefit likely to accrue to the School Board employees is indirect. Assuming arguendo that a direct benefit were to pass to the employees, it would not be unique to them.

Robert Meyers

-----Original Message-----

From: Hernandez, Elizabeth [mailto:ehernandez@coralgables.com]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 4:13 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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please call me on this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Swanson, Catherine B.
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 2:49 PM
To: Hernandez, Elizabeth
Subject: great board seminar and a follow up question.

Congratulations on another great Boards & Committees seminar. I found it very helpful. Mr. Meyers' presentation on voting conflict brought a question to mind. He mentioned that there was a two tier test for voting conflict. First, the Board member had to have a relationship (eg financial, not volunteer) with the organization. Secondly, the member would have to benefit from a vote taken by the Board.

The City Commission has asked the Economic Development Board and the School Community Relations Committee to hold a joint meeting to discuss the question "Should the City of Coral Gables support proposed State legislation that would allow municipalities, under certain conditions, to take over public schools within municipal boundaries?"

Since several members of the School community Relations Committee are employees of the School Board should they recuse themselves from the discussions and vote?