

**21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – March 19th, 2019**

The 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on March 19th, 2019 in conference Room 916 of the School Board Administration Building. Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Committee Members

Mr. Roberto Martinez
Ms. Cindy Lerner
Mr. Francis Ragoo
Mr. Anthony Dawsey
Mr. Juan Del Busto
Dr. Jaap Donath
Mr. T. Willard Fair
Dr. Sean Foreman
Dr. Nancy Lawther

Mr. Frank Bolanos
Mr. Alfred Billings
Mr. Jack Lowell
Ms. Gepsie Metellus
Rev. Guillermo Revuelta
Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie
Ms. Julie Williamson
Mr. Allen Rubin

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Mr. Jaime G. Torrens
Ms. Mary Cagle
Mr. Ron Steiger
Ms. Maria T. Gonzalez

Committee Alternates

Ms. Diana Urbizu

Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees

Mr. Lawrence Feldman,
Board Member
Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho
Chief Ian Moffett
Mr. Carl Nicoleau
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino
Ms. Ana Rijo-Conde
Mr. Raul F. Perez
Mr. Tony Vu

Ms. Dalia Rosales
Mr. Jerald Blumstein
Ms. Maria Noya
Mr. Thomas Knigge
Mr. John-Philip Iafelice
Mr. Edwin Lopez
Mr. Rick Yanez

Other Attendees

Mr. James F. Murley

Recording Secretary

Ms. Denise Castillo

Mr. Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. He then introduced Mr. Jaime Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer.

Mr. Jaime Torrens provided an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects. He also presented actions taken by the District relative to safety and security camera installations. Mr. Roberto Martinez asked if the cameras were being monitored by staff on an on-going basis and if not, whether having cameras might create a “false sense of security”. Mr. Juan Del Busto asked if the cameras are recording the entire time. Mr. Jaime Torrens indicated additional cameras are being added at various schools in areas thought to be key to overall school safety.

Mr. Roberto Martinez requested a follow-up report. Mr. Jaime Torrens indicated that he would request the M-DCPS Chief of Police to attend the next GOB Advisory Meeting to discuss new technology that is becoming available and to provide a better understanding of the role of security cameras in school safety. He also discussed other safety

alternatives including fencing around the schools, single point of entry and alarm verifications.

Next, Mr. Jaime Torrens went over the vendor list that showed how much had been paid to each vendor. He also reviewed the February 13, 2019 School Board Item F-21, which included the consolidation of funds for Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Biscayne Gardens Elementary School, which share a campus, to create a new K-8 configuration project, and the consolidation of funds for Amelia Earhart Elementary School and Hialeah Middle School to implement HVAC improvements, as the schools share the same campus and the same mechanical plant. The remaining funds in the amount of \$333,580 will be kept in GOB reserves, as will additional anticipated revenue from interest, between now and 2023.

Mr. Torrens then presented the proposed project delivery matrix for Year 5 projects, which contains two sheltered market project groupings in keeping with the District's goal to continue to increase program participation by SMBE firms.

Acknowledging a quorum, Mr. Roberto Martinez asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Jack Lowell, seconded by Mr. Juan Del Busto and passed unanimously. Mr. Martinez also requested a motion to endorse the proposed project delivery matrix for year 5 projects. This was moved by Mr. Del Busto, seconded by Dr. Jaap Donath and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Maria T. Gonzalez discussed the audit and went over the different tasks that the external auditors must complete and the underlying process. The final report will be presented to the Board on June 19th, 2019. Mr. Juan Del Busto had asked if there had been any issues or concerns brought up by the auditors. Mr. Jaime Torrens explained that they currently meet with the auditors bi-weekly but that thus far there had been no feedback provided.

Mr. Juan Del Busto was concerned that there was no communication yet regarding any findings and wanted a better understanding of the process. Mr. Roberto Martinez asked if there had been any reports given to management from the auditors. Mr. Roberto Martinez and the Committee requested to possibly meet with the auditors. Mrs. Maria T. Gonzalez stated that they would be able to meet with the auditors but that it would have to be after May 14, 2019 and before June 12, 2019. It was decided by the Committee to hold a special meeting May 21, 2019 to review the results of the external audit with the auditors.

Ms. Jennifer Andreu next provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the different events taking place under the OEO's auspices. She also reviewed the expenditures and explained how the vendors are placed into categories. Ms. Jennifer Andreu noted that the number of Veteran firms certified to do business with the District is increasing. She also described how firms can be certified in more than one area and noted that her office is also focusing on compliance. They are doing desk audits as well as going out into the field and making sure that firms are meeting their targeted goals.

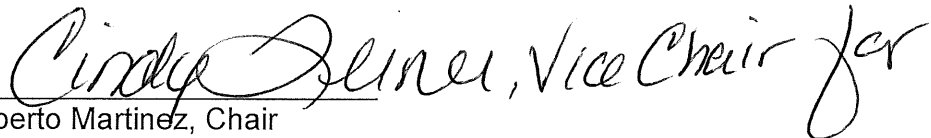
Superintendent Mr. Alberto Carvalho talked about the vendors that we currently have and how we are trying to find more vendors from within our community. Mr. Alberto Carvalho also talked about polls that have been taking place, which are not being conducted by M-DCPS but instead are being run by a charter school association and an independent entity, none of which has nothing to do with the GOB. Rather, it has to do with the compensation for teachers, safety and security.

Mr. Victor Alonso next presented a slide show showcasing before and after pictures of projects at different schools, where work was completed with the GOB Bond.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Chair Mr. Roberto Martinez, reminded the Committee that the special meeting would be held May 21, 2019.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:01 p.m.

Approved:



Roberto Martinez, Chair

Date: 5/21/19