

**21st CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2020**

The 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on March 10, 2020 in Conference Room 916 of the School Board Administration Building. Chair Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Members

Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair
Ms. Cindy Lerner, Vice Chair
Dr. Jaap Donath
Mr. T. Willard Fair
Mr. Roger Cuevas
Dr. Sean Foreman
Mr. Francis Ragoo

Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie
Mr. Alfred Billings
Mr. Jack Lowell
Mr. Allen Rubin
Ms. Julie Williamson
Ms. Beth Edwards

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Mr. Raul Perez
Ms. Maria T. Gonzalez

Committee Alternates

Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees

Ms. Mari Tere Rojas
Mr. Carl Nicoleau
Mr. Victor Alonso
Ms. Jennifer Andreu
Ms. Maria Areas
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino
Mr. Mauricio Lotero
Ms. Carlota Noguera
Ms. Nathaly Simon

Mr. Jerold Blumstein
Ms. Francys Vallecillo
Ms. Patricia Betancourt
Mr. Thomas Knigge
Ms. Jenny Murillo
Mr. Jon Goodman
Ms. Claudia Bailly
Ms. Amarylys Diaz
Mr. Ronald Fields

Other Attendees

Recording Secretary
Ms. Denise Castillo

Mr. Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. Acknowledging there was no quorum, Mr. Raul Perez opened with a brief review of the agenda for the 21st Century Schools BOND Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Raul Perez provided an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked what the dollar value is of the projects that have not started? Mr. Lowell expressed that he wanted to know the delta amount.

Mr. Perez explained he had the expenditures but not the delta amount. He stated that he could provide that information at the next meeting.

Mr. Raul Perez continued going over the status of the GOB projects including; safety upgrades, HVAC, playgrounds, remodeling / renovation, portable removals and others that fall to other categories like painting, water intrusion and minor repairs.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked if all those projects are done by 3rd party forces or if they are done by Miami-Dade County School employees. Mr. Raul Perez explained that all the work is done by 3rd party forces.

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho discussed that he has been busy with the Coronavirus scare and explained that they would be providing additional guidance in addition to all the information that had been provided. Mr. Carvalho expressed that he has seen the headlines and the way that the Bond is being managed in other Districts and currently, we have the best implementation. Projects are coming in on time and some ahead of schedule with projects coming in at or below budget.

Mr. Francis Rago asked about the psychological affects that the students might have due to the Coronavirus.

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho explained that they would be providing psychological assistant through the psychological program that is currently in place for employees. Mr. Carvalho stated that he could not go over the specifics until they go to the Board but that they have several protocols that they will be activating.

Mr. Jack Lowell expressed that we have a lot of children and their parents that travel to other countries and he wanted to know if we have a protocol on how to deal with that?

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho explained that they do have a protocol including the change to new student registration. Registration has been centralized to North, South and Central and a health screening has also been added. There are also new protocols that have been added for employees, parents and current students that travel to any of the seven nations.

Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie asked if there is a child that contracts the virus, if that child's name and school will be disclosed?

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho stated that they would never reveal the name of an employee or a child due to HIPAA and FERPA regulation confidentiality rights. He also stated that in any case you should always contact the Health Department.

Mr. Raul Perez continued to go over the breakdown of the projects that have been completed and the expenditures.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked how much is being spent every month and how much is currently left in GOB Funds.

Mr. Raul Perez expressed that the monthly GOB expense is about 10-15 Million dollars but expressed he would have to get back to him regarding the remaining amount.

Mr. Perez continued going over the expenditures by different categories and by schools.

Mr. Raul Perez reviewed the results from the internal audit. Mr. Perez explained the two objectives and the outcome of those objectives.

- Test and opine on the reporting of District GOB expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, as to their conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, including proper cost category and project/location classifications.
- Follow up on finding/observation and recommendations from the May 2019 external audit of the midpoint of the GOB funded School Improvement Program and provide a status of agreed-upon corrective actions/implementation of recommendations.

Mr. Roberto Martinez expressed that he had received a call that stated that they wanted to use Miami-Dade County as a model, and they would like a presentation to share with other counties in the State of Florida as use it as an example of best practices.

Acknowledging a quorum, Mr. Roberto Martinez asked for a motion to approve the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Jaap Donath, seconded by Mr. Alan Rubin and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raul Perez explained when the Bond first started in 2012, they did not have enough District staff to handle all the new workload. A Program Management Company was selected, and the contract went to the Board for approval. The contract went to Williams Sales Partnership (WSP) formerly known as Parsons Brinckerhoff. Mr. Perez introduced Mr. Ronald Fields. Mr. Fields provided a history on WSP and the type of services that is provided. Mr. Field spoke about the tutoring that he has been doing and that the WSP Miami office involvement.

Mr. Carl Nicoleau spoke about the vocational colleges that the District operates along with other programs that students can get certified in and possibly work for the MDCPS maintenance department or work with the consultant.

Mr. Francis Ragoo expressed that he hears many times that not everyone is cut out for college but that vocational opportunities have been taken away from schools and that it would be good for the learning centers to incorporate more of those programs.

Mr. Carl Nicoleau express that there are currently five technical colleges in Miami Dade County.

Ms. Jennifer Andreu from the Office of Economic Opportunity presented an update showing 24 new firms that have graduated, 17 new events held and 86 worksite reviews. Ms. Andreu went over the certified firms and how the goal is to reach 2000 firms.

Mr. Victor Alonso provided a presentation of projects that included photographs and a description of the work that has been completed or will be completed in the future.

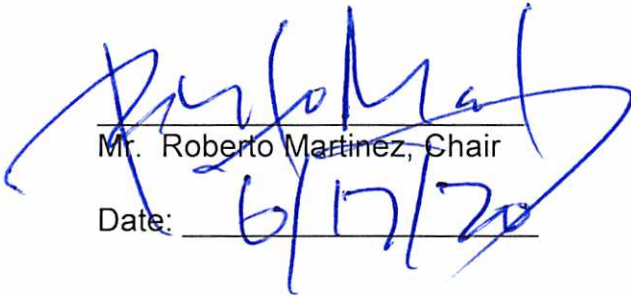
Mr. Raul Perez received data from Mr. Mauricio Lotero showing there are 93 remaining GOB projects with a value of \$442,976,508 and \$6,269,605 remaining in GOB Reserves. Mr. Perez explained that there would be a F-21 Board item to move the GOB Reserve

funds to projects that would need funding. This was in response to Jack Lowell's question earlier on in the meeting. Mr. Perez express that on top of those fund there are still \$10,000,000 in Bond Premium that have not been identified but once the Bond counsel gives the okay, we can then tap into those \$10,000,000.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Chair Mr. Robert Martinez, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on June 16, 2020.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:44 p.m.

Approved:


Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair
Date: 6/17/20