

**21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2021 ROOM 916**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Room 916. Vice Chair Willard T. Fair called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**Committee Members**

Mr. T. Willard Fair, Vice Chair  
Mr. Juan Del Busto  
Ms. Julie Williamson  
Mr. Frank Silva  
Mr. Jack Lowell  
Ms. Gepsie Mettellus  
Dr. Sean Foreman  
Mr. Roger Cuevas

Mr. Alfred Billings  
Mr. Alan Rubin  
Mr. Mario Bailey  
Dr. Nancy Lawther  
Mr. Anthony Dawsey  
Dr. George Koonce  
Dr. Jaap Donath

**Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members**

Mr. Raul Perez  
Mr. Felix Jimenez  
Mr. Ron Steiger

**Committee Alternates**

Mr. Chris Norwood  
Ms. Sharon Watson  
Ms. Serena Paramore

**Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees**

Ms. Nathaly Simon  
Mr. Neil Singh  
Mr. Thomas Knigge  
Ms. Margarita Betancourt  
Mr. Jose Bueno  
Mr. Carl Nicoleau  
Ms. Chrystie Gonzalez del Valle  
Mr. Daniel Mateo

Ms. Jennifer Andreu  
Ms. Jenny Murillo  
Mr. Jerold Blumstein  
Ms. Maria Areas  
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino  
Mr. Rick Yanez  
Mr. Richard Benvenuti

**Other Attendees**

**Recording Secretary**

Ms. Denise Castillo

Mr. T. Willard Fair called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. Acknowledging a quorum, Mr. Fair asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2021, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Frank Silva, seconded by Mr. Juan del Busto and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raul Perez opened with a brief review of the agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Perez if it was possible to name all the attendees that were logged on through Zoom. The attendees were verified.

Mr. Juan Del Busto asked Mr. Perez if inflation has delayed many projects. Mr. Perez explained that it has not held back projects, but it has affected some of the scheduling of projects that are presently in construction and that, on current projects, there are costs escalation. Two strategies are being used to address this inflation; the first is the delivery method that was changed to a more competitive method, and the second is identifying several scopes of work that are eligible for available Federal funding.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked Mr. Perez how many projects are not on the scheduled project list that still must go through the process. Mr. Perez explained that all the projects are on the list but there are some that still need to have solicitations sent out to select architects and contractors.

Mr. Perez continued by providing an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects. He proceeded to discuss the complimentary scope projects including safety upgrades, HVAC, playgrounds, and portable removals.

Mr. Sean Foreman asked Mr. Perez about the years of the projects. Mr. Perez explained that the 5-year period is from 2014-2019 but he also indicated that just because a project commenced in 2019 does not mean that it would be completed that year.

Mr. Perez provided a breakdown of the projects that have been completed and the GOB expenditures.

Mr. Perez went over the Eighth Annual Report and turned it over to Mr. Fair. Mr. Fair asked for a motion to approve the Eighth Annual Report. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Lowell, seconded by Dr. Nancy Lawther and passed unanimously.

Mr. Superintendent Carvalho thanked the staff for their continued dedication. Mr. Carvalho discussed the Audit meeting and stated that there were no findings and excellent financial management.

Mr. Richard Benvenuti gave a presentation on the digital convergence and provided a breakdown per year of the number of interactive boards that were installed at schools. Mr. Benvenuti also covered the number of mobile devices that have been deployed to students. Mr. Benvenuti went over a program with the federal government that provides hotspot to all students. Dr. Jaap Donath asked what percentage of students use their own devices or if students are permitted to use their own devices? Mr. Benvenuti expressed that they do have a program that allows students to bring their own devices.

Dr. George Koonce asked if they currently have a technology plan? Mr. Daniel Mateo explained that they implemented a technology vision plan this year that targets future plans and goals.. Dr. Koonce requested to have the technology vision plan presented. Mr. Mateo stated that such a presentation on the technology vision plan could be arranged for a future meeting.

Mr. Raul Perez stated that the next presentation was requested during the previous GO Bond Advisory meeting regarding how a school would notify Maintenance of certain concerns. He introduced Carl Nicoleau, Chief Maintenance & Operations Officer. Mr. Nicoleau explained that Maintenance receives work order requests through the mainframe computer system, which the school sites have access to in order to generate work orders. Mr. Nicoleau stated that the schools can contact the call center directly, and explained that Maintenance also receives notifications through Twitter, email, annual inspections, health and kitchen inspections.

Ms. Julie Williamson asked Mr. Nicoleau to explain the staffing difference at schools between custodians and resident mechanics. Mr. Nicoleau explained that custodians are responsible for cleaning the schools and report to the principal, whereas resident mechanics are responsible for maintenance repairs and their assignments come from the

Maintenance department. Mr. Nicoleau explained that when they have annual inspections, the deficiencies are coded and populate a report of what was found at the schools.

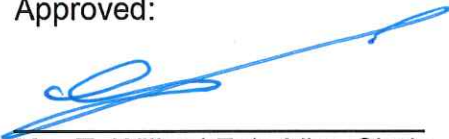
Mr. Perez stated that they currently conduct inspections more frequently than required by the County's 40-year recertification process . Mr. Perez continued to explain that the State requires that they inspect their schools every five years with the Educational Plant Survey but, due to the great number of District buildings, all facilities end up being inspected every ten years, as half of the facilities are done every five years, which again is more often than every 40 years.

Mr. Perez introduced Ms. Jennifer Andreu to provide the OEO update. Ms. Andreu, from the Office of Economic Opportunity, started with the infographic slide and moved onto the GOB Prime Expenditures summary. Ms. Andreu reviewed the certified firms and stated that the prequalified firms have stayed the same as mentioned at the previous meeting. Ms. Andreu also reviewed the contractor pre-qualification dashboard, as well as the compliance update regarding certifications and goals established for firms. Ms. Andreu reviewed slides regarding compliance and upcoming events.

Having exhausted all the agenda topics, the Vice Chair T. Willard Fair, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on March 15, 2022.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:56 p.m.

Approved:



Mr. T. Willard Fair, Vice Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_