

**21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2021 AUDITORIUM/ZOOM**

The 21st Century Schools Bond Advisory Committee (Committee) met on January 19th, 2021 in the Auditorium. Chair Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Members

Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair
Dr. Jaap Donath (Zoom)
Rev. Guillermo Revuelta, Th. Ph.D
Mr. Willard T. Fair (Zoom)
Ms. Barbara Hernandez
Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie (Zoom)
Ms. Isabel Cosio Carbello (Zoom)
Mr. Juan Del Busto

Mr. Alfred Billings
Mr. Jack Lowell
Mr. Allen Rubin
Dr. Sean Foreman
Mr. Frank Silva (Zoom)
Mr. Roger Cuevas
Ms. Nancy Lawther
Mr. George Koonce
Ms. Gepsie Metellus

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Mr. Raul Perez
Ms. Maria T. Gonzalez
Mr. Felix Jimenez (Zoom)

Committee Alternates

Mr. Christopher Norwood
Mr. Gregory Zawyer (Zoom)

Miami-Dade County Public School Attendees

Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member
Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho
Ms. Tabitha Fazzino
Ms. Nathaly Simon
Ms. Margarita Betancourt

Ms. Jennifer Andreu
Ms. Jenny Murillo
Mr. Jon Goodman
Mr. Richard Yanez
Ms. Maria Areas

Other Attendees

Recording Secretary

Ms. Denise Castillo

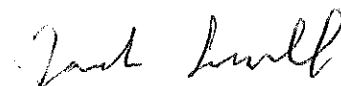
Mr. Roberto Martinez called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee. Mr. Martinez asked everyone to introduce themselves due to the participation of the new members. Acknowledging a quorum, Mr. Martinez asked for a motion to approve the October 27, 2020 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Juan Del Busto, seconded by Mr. Roger Cuevas and passed unanimously.

Mr. Martinez stated there was an opening for the Vice Chair position and opened it for nominations. Mr. Juan Del Busto nominated Mr. Willard T. Fair for the Vice Chair Position, seconded by Mr. Roger Cuevas and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raul Perez opened with a brief review of the agenda for the 21st Century Schools BOND Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Perez provided an update on the status of GOB projects, years 1 through 5 and accelerated scope projects.

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

Mr. Perez went over the quarterly GOB expenditures by cost categories, by vendors and by schools.



Mr. Alan Rubin expressed that on the technology slide he noticed that it went from \$95M to \$94M.

Mr. Perez stated that he noticed and the reason that it could have gone down was due to a fund swap which would end up giving \$1M more to expend but he would have that information later in the day.

Rev. Guillermo Revuelta asked if the pandemic had slowed down the projects? Mr. Perez explained that it has helped accelerate the projects because it allowed them to have full access. Mr. Perez stated that he will be doing a presentation on North County K-8 Center later in the meeting but explained that it was completed 3 months ahead of schedule due to COVID-19. Mr. Perez also expressed that the pandemic helped the construction market condition became very competitive which resulted in awarding some projects below budget.

Mr. Perez continued to go over the expenditures and contracted amounts. He expressed that 70% has been expended and 70% of the projects have been completed. Ms. Gepsie Mettelus asked Mr. Perez if he would remind her what type of software is being purchased for technology. Mr. Perez expressed that he had to check with the IT Department to confirm which software is being purchased.

Mr. Perez went over slide 12 covering North County K-8 Center. A brief description was given for North County K-8 Center along with photos shown of the construction that was done. Mr. Rubin asked if the utilization of 60% was considered low? Mr. Perez was explaining that 60% is not considered low. Mr. Perez continued to discuss the scope of work that was completed.

Mr. Superintendent Carvalho stated if there was a silver lining with the pandemic, it was that it allowed to accelerate projects. Discussed the graduation rate and how it has increased by 90%.

Mr. Jack Lowell asked how they are doing with the vaccination and what their role is? Mr. Carvalho stated that he believes anyone that has direct contact with the public and the students are essential and they should be prioritized and have access to the vaccine. Mr. Carvalho expressed that at this time there has not been talk about immunizations for children.

Mr. Sean Foreman asked if they would be having the school assessment exams for this year? Mr. Carvalho stated that the state has made announcements regarding assessments. They have stated they will be assessing students this year.

Ms. Carol Graham Wyllie stated that in the past teacher have been leaving because they were required to come into school to teach. Ms. Wyllie asked if they are seeing that in Miami-Dade?

Mr. Carvalho stated that currently they are not seeing that happen in Miami-Dade County and that he feels it is because of the pay increase that was provided in the past and because they have made the school safe. Mr. Carvalho also stated that there has not been a case of the infection that has started at the school.

Mr. Martinez asked what Mr. Carvalho thought of the financial impact for next year?

Mr. Carvalho stated that it depends on a few things. He stated that he was glad that the previous administration included education into the stimulus package. They are also looking forward to the Biden administration agenda that will include funding for educations.

Mr. Gregory Zawyer asked Mr. Carvalho if the new HVAC systems have been helping with the quality of air that the students are receiving?

Mr. Carvalho stated that they are installing next generation HVAC systems that support a higher-level filter.

Mr. Perez stated that going back to the question regarding the firm that completed the work at North County K-8 Center, he stated it was Saltz Michelson.

Mr. Perez continued on slide 17 regarding the GOB Accelerated progress during COVID-19. Mr. Perez went over slides 18, 19 and 20 that go over the projects that have been bid and awarded along with projects that have been commissioned.

Mr. Perez went over slide 20 covering the Seventh Annual Report and turned it over to Mr. Martinez. Mr. Martinez asked for a motion to approve the Seventh Annual Report. A motion was made by Rev. Guillermo Revuelta, seconded by Ms. Gepsie Metellus and passed unanimously.

Ms. Andreu from the Office of Economic Opportunity started with the GOB Prime Expenditures summary. Ms. Andreu reviewed the certified firms and stated they currently have 199 prequalified firms. Ms. Andreu also reviewed the contractor pre-qualification dashboard, 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 Chair Mr. Robert Martinez, reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on March 9, 2021.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:19 p.m.

Approved:



Mr. Roberto Martinez, Chair

Date: 6/15/21