

Agustin J. Barrera, Chairman

SUBJECT: APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR BOARD MEMBER AGENDA PROCESS AND VOTE ON PROPOSED BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

As a result of the deliberations at the School Board Governance Workshop held on January 31, 2007, this item is presented to approve the proposed changes to our School Board Committees, and our School Board meetings as discussed at the Workshop. These changes derive from the consensus reached by Board members at the Governance Workshop after listening to suggestions from our facilitator, Ms. Carolyn Kitchens. Implementation of these changes will take place via a three (3) month pilot program upon adoption of these changes by the Board.

The proposed changes include the following: 1) having citizen appearances on non-agenda items heard at a time certain (5:00 p.m.) or as soon thereafter as can be heard at the conclusion of the School Board Committee meetings; 2) approving, in the interim, that the segment of the School Board meeting presently known as "public hearing" on non-agenda items will no longer be televised; 3) establishing a process for review of proposed Board member items before inclusion on the Agenda mandating approval of proposed Board members items (to be known as Board member initiatives) by a majority vote of Board members; 4) formalizing a newly revised order for the School Board meeting Agenda; and 5) requesting the initiation of any necessary rulemaking to implement these changes. These changes will be instituted as a three month pilot program commencing as soon as practicable.

In addition, in order to ensure compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act, until rulemaking is finalized with regard to the process for reviewing and approving proposed Board member items, only those proposed Board member items that are approved by a majority of the members of the School Board at a special meeting of the Board, will be included in the Agenda for future School Board meetings. Accordingly, it is requested that the Board vote on each proposed item that is to be considered for inclusion on the February 14, 2007 meeting Agenda.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

CHAIRMAN AGUSTIN J. BARRERA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) approve the three (3) month pilot program instituting changes to its monthly School Board meeting format as described in this item;

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- 2) direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking wherever necessary to implement these changes; and
- 3) that the Board vote on all items proposed by Board members to be included in the February 14, 2007 meeting Agenda and only those proposed Board member items that are approved by a majority of the Board, at this Special meeting, shall be placed on the Agenda.