

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: DIRECT THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO REVIEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE, 6GX13- 8C.1.15, AGENDA—REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT RULES FOR CLARIFICATION AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: REFORM BUSINESS PRACTICES TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS

School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C.1.15, Agenda – Regular and Special Meetings delineates the process for the preparation, distribution and publication of the School Board Agenda, as well as the timelines and format of agenda items. However, the language of the Board Rule creates ambiguity that needs clarification.

Section III of the Board Rule, Items Board Members Wish to Include in the Agenda, stipulates that Board members should, not must, submit agenda items for inclusion in the agenda at least nine (9) calendar days prior to a regular Board meeting and that all proposed items must contain, at a minimum, “a subject heading specifying the topic that is being proposed for discussion” (i.e. a holder item). The timeline for the distribution of the agenda, Section V, Distribution of the Agenda, is seven (7) days in advance of the meeting date and the “final versions of all items, along with documentation must be presented to Board members on the day before the School Board Committee meetings.” There appears to be confusion on the meaning of the language as it pertains to School Board Members’ agenda items and whether the agenda can be published including a holder item without a narrative and an action proposed.

In the spirit of transparency and best practices, this agenda item seeks clarification on whether the Board Rule allows for publication of Board Members’ agenda items without a full narrative of the item. This item also asks the Interim School Board Attorney to review and amend all pertinent School Board Rules to remove any ambiguities on this issue.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Interim School Board Attorney to review and amend, by the August 5, 2009 meeting, School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.15, Agenda—Regular and Special Meetings and any other relevant rules, to clarify whether the Board Rule allows for publication of the Agenda with only a holder and to remove all ambiguities on this issue.

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