

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Chair

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE BOARD'S PILOT PROJECT REGARDING TIME FOR BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS, ENDORSEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS AND TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND SCHOOL BOARD RULE: 6Gx13- 8C-1.101, TYPES OF MEETINGS—NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLICATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION

Pursuant to Agenda Item H-21 ("Board Member Proclamations"), presented by Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair, at the June 17, 2009 meeting, the Board approved the commencement of a two (2) month pilot project requiring regular Board meetings to start at 11:30 a.m. for the approval and presentation of Board member resolutions, endorsements, and proclamations. At the August 5, 2009, School Board meeting, the Board voted to extend this pilot project through the December 9, 2009 regular meeting, with a change in the starting time of the regular Board meetings to begin at 12:00 p.m. instead of 11:30 a.m.

As the pilot project ends at this December 9th Board meeting, it is appropriate to take action to either establish the pilot project as a continuing practice for regular School Board meetings, or to revert back to the Board's prior practice of Board meetings beginning at 1:00 p.m. Since it appears that the pilot project has been effective, this item is being presented for the Board's consideration to extend this pilot project and to direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.101, *Types of Meetings - Notification Requirements and Procedures for Publication* to codify the process employed during the pilot project.

The proposed Board rule amendment would require that the regular Board meetings be convened at 12:00 p.m. only to address and seek approval of designated H-items related to Board member resolutions, endorsements or proclamations. Once the

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meeting begins, a quorum must be established in order to take formal action upon any of these designated H-items. After the resolutions, proclamations and endorsements are voted upon, the meeting will go into recess, at which time Board members can present their approved H-items, and persons signed to speak to these items may do so during this recess.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR,
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize:

- (1) That the pilot project approved at the August 5, 2009, Board meeting for regular Board meetings to begin at 12:00 noon, be extended for a period of six (6) months or until such time as rulemaking proceedings, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, are completed, whichever occurs first; and
- (2) Direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C- 1.101, *Types of Meetings - Notification Requirements and Procedures for Publication*, for regular Board meetings to begin at 12:00 noon for the presentation of designated Board member resolutions, endorsements and proclamations.