

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATIONS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND  
COMMUNITY ENAGEMENT**

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At its meeting of October 16, 2013, the Board approved amendments to Board Policy 0165, *Public Meetings*, to provide that on regular Board meeting days, meetings would begin at 11:00 a.m. to give sufficient time for Board members to present items seeking approval of recognitions, resolutions, endorsements, or proclamations. This amendment also limited the number of presentations by each Board member to two (2) presentations per Board meeting. The policy states the Board may recess for lunch after presentations if the time permits and the regular Board meeting is to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

However, we have consistently seen the 11:00 a.m. portion of the Board meeting run well past its allocated time, going over an hour and a half past the Board's published 1:00 p.m. start time, generally commencing past 2:30 p.m. In an effort to conduct meetings in a more effective and timely manner, this item proposes a 3 month trial period in which the Board will hold a separate meeting specifically for the purpose of Board member presentations. The meeting would take place the Wednesday following the Regular School Board Meeting and would begin at 11:00 a.m. This meeting would also be televised.

Following the initial 3 month trial period, the Board would then have the option to direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend Board Policy 0165, *Public Meetings*, to include language for a separate meeting each month for the purpose of Board Member presentations.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, conduct a 3 month trial period in which the Board will hold a separate meeting to be scheduled at 11:00 a.m. the Wednesday following the Regular School Board meeting, for the sole purpose of Board Member Presentations.