

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Miami, Florida

Excerpts from Unofficial Minutes of January 17, 2024, School Board Meeting

		APPROVED	Bid Opening Lists of November 28, 2023, and December 7, 2023.
		APPROVED	Minutes of the December 20, 2023, Regular School Board Meeting.
123,087	<u>A-1</u>	HEARD	Superintendent's Informational Reports to the Board on Selected Topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR Day Miami
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123088	<u>B-4</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 24-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Trish and Daniel (Dan) Bell. <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>
123089	<u>B-5</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 24-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Little Lighthouse Foundation. <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, and Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>
123090	<u>B-6</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 24-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Homestead Outreach Team. <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>
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123091	<u>B-8</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 24-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Arts Access Miami for Their Commitment to Bringing the Power of Music and the Arts to All Youth in Miami and to the Students of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>
123092	<u>B-9</u>	APPROVED*	Resolution No. 24-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Dade County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gordon Eric Knowles for his remarkable professional career and dedication to the Miami-Dade County Community. <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Ms. Mary Blanco, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>

- 123093 **D-20** **APPROVED** 1. Personnel Action Listing 1175 for Instructional and Non-instructional appointments, reassignments, leaves, separations, retirements and resignations from November 17, 2023 through December 21, 2023.
2. Instructional personnel assigned to teach out-of-field for the 2023-2024 February FTE Survey.
- 123094 **D-21** **APPROVED** That effective January 18, 2024, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:
1. Approve the title change on job code 0200, Chief Communications Officer, MEP pay grade 25 to Assistant Superintendent, Media and Public Relations, MEP pay grade 25 and the reclassification of Jaquelyn Calzadilla Diaz to the Assistant Superintendent, Media and Public Relations, MEP pay grade 25.
2. Approve the recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective January 18, 2024, or as soon thereafter as can be facilitated, with the exception of the effective dates as noted throughout the item and authorize compensation adjustments pursuant to the MEP Manual.
- 123095 **D-55** **APPROVED** The Superintendent's recommendation for:
1. Agreed upon disciplinary action; which has been agreed to by the employee.
- a. Davida Grant: suspension without pay from her position as School Bus Driver at Southwest Transportation Center, for thirty (30) calendar days, effective January 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: violation of School Board Policies 4210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 4210.01, Code of Ethics; 4213, Student Supervision and Welfare; 8600, Transportation; and 8670, Post Trip Inspections of School Buses. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and Articles II and XI of the Contract between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
2. Disciplinary action, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding.
- a. Carolina E. Blanco: suspension without pay from her position as Media Specialist at Coral Reef Elementary School, for three (3) workdays, effective January 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board

Policies 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; 3210.01, Code of Ethics; and 3213, Student Supervision and Welfare. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

b. Christopher A. Castro: suspension without pay and initiation of dismissal proceedings from his position as Teacher at Dr. Edward L. Whigham Elementary School, effective January 18, 2024, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 3121.01, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of All Employees; 3210, Standards of Ethical Conduct; and 3210.01, Code of Ethics. This action is taken in accordance with Sections 1001.32(2), 1012.22(1)(f), 1012.32, 1012.33, 435.04, 435.06, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.

123096	<u>D-68</u>	EXPELLED/ MODIFIED/ PROVIDE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students specified in supplemental material SM-36 (Grade 6), SM-37 (Grade 9), and SM-38 (Grade 11) furnished under separate cover to School Board members from the regular, specialized centers and adult programs of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Expulsion assignments to an alternative school/program will be for the maximum time permitted under law, which is the 2023-2024 school year, the 2024 summer session, and the 2024-2025 school year. 2. The expulsion for the students specified in supplemental material SM-39 (Grade 4), SM-40 (Grade 3) furnished under a separate cover to School Board members from the regular, specialized centers and adult programs of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and assigned to an alternative school/program for less than the maximum time permitted under law, which is the 2023-2024 school year, the 2024 summer session, and the 2024-2025 school year. 3. Continuing educational services in an alternative school/program during the term of the expulsion.
123097	<u>E-1</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 2023.
123098	<u>E-141</u>	AWARDED/ AUTHORIZED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-22-019-MF – ASPHALT PAVING, RESURFACING AND DRAINAGE SERVICES, to establish a contract with pre-approved vendors to furnish all labor,

supervision, equipment, materials and/or work necessary to install, replace and/or repair asphalt paving and drainage, with an initial effective date of January 17, 2024 through January 16, 2027, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as delineated in the Official Agenda Item.

- A. JCI INTERNATIONAL, INC.
SBE/MWBE
12315 SW 132ND COURT
MIAMI, FL 33186
OFFICER: JULIO E. MARTINEZ
HISPANIC AMERICAN
- B. KASAS CONSTRUCTION, INC. MBE
2560 BASS WAY
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33026
OFFICER: KAMRAN OKHOVAT
- C. METRO EXPRESS, INC. MWBE
9390 NW 109TH STREET
MEDLEY, FL 33178
OFFICER: DELIO A. TRASOBARES
HISPANIC AMERICAN
- D. PHOENIX CONCRETE PLUS, INC.
8900 SW 117TH AVENUE, SUITE B-205
MIAMI, FL 33186
OFFICER: JOSEPH PEREZ, SR.
- E. STONEHENGE CONSTRUCTION, LLC
MWBE
13100 SW 128TH STREET
MIAMI, FL 33186
OFFICER: MANUEL QUINTANA
HISPANIC AMERICAN
SUBCONTRACTOR:
STAR PAVING CORPORATION
9312 NW 13TH STREET, BAY # 7
DORAL, FL 33172
OFFICER: ABEL TOMAS MENDEZ
- F. SUN EAGLE GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORPORATION
12300 SW 130TH STREET, SUITE 5
MIAMI, FL 33186
OFFICER: YAMIL CASTILLO
- G. THE STOUT GROUP, LLC MWBE
10850 NW 138TH STREET, BAY # 3
HIALEAH GARDENS, FL 33018
OFFICER: JOSE M. SANCHEZ, III
HISPANIC AMERICAN

- 2. The Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$3,000,000 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

123099 **E-142** **AWARDED/
AUTHORIZED**

- 1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-23-002-MC – HOOD CLEANING SERVICES, to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, to provide exhaust hood and duct cleaning services for specified school food-service locations, for the

Department of Food and Nutrition and Hospitality Services, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of January 17, 2024 through January 16, 2026, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as delineated in the Official Agenda Item.

A. AIRWAYS CLEANING AND FIREPROOFING CO. OF FLORIDA, INC. 815 SHOTGUN ROAD SUNRISE, FL 33326 OFFICER: TIMOTHY S. GREENE

Item 1: Provide hood cleaning services and supplies for approximately 222 sites North of Flagler @ \$171.00 per filtered hood section

Item 2: Provide hood cleaning services and supplies for approximately 192 sites South of Flagler @ \$171.00 per filtered hood section

Additional support items for hood cleaning services:

Item a: Soap for "Commercial hood cleaner for self-cleaning systems" units (ECOGEN and G-510EF) @ \$65.75 per gallon

Item b: Soap for "Commercial hood cleaner for self-cleaning systems" units (ECOGEN and G-510EF) @ \$263.00 per case

Item c: Install "Trap Door" (to enable cleaning) as necessary and approved @ \$295.00 per install

Item d: Replace filter as required and approved, inclusive of labor and materials @ \$60.00 per install

B. KEPT COMPANIES, INC. DBA FLEETWASH 26 LAW DRIVE SECTION E FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004 OFFICER: ANTHONY DIGIOVANNI

Item 1: Provide hood cleaning services and supplies for approximately 222 sites North of Flagler @ \$224.00 per filtered hood section

Item 2: Provide hood cleaning services and supplies for approximately 192 sites South of Flagler @ \$224.00 per filtered hood section

Additional support items for hood cleaning services:

Item a: Soap for "Commercial hood cleaner for self-cleaning systems" units @ \$85.00 per gallon

Item b: Soap for "Commercial hood cleaner for self-cleaning systems" units @ \$340.00 per case.

Item c: Install "Trap Door" (to enable cleaning) as necessary and approved @ \$325.00 per install

Item d: Replace filter as required and approved, inclusive of labor and materials @ \$100.00 per install

C. The Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$500,000 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

123100 **E-143** **APPROVED**

The supplemental award on the following contract, inasmuch as the estimated requirements, previously awarded by the Board, will be exceeded before the contract term(s) expires.

1. INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-19-077-HR – WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT, to establish a contract for all necessary labor, transportation, material and equipment to test, service, inspect, repair, correct and maintain water-based fire protection systems for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, with an initial effective date of November 18, 2020 through November 17, 2023, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods.
BASS-UNITED FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
3000 GATEWAY DRIVE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33069
OFFICER: BRAD A. HIGDON

Total Low Meeting Specifications:

Group A – Sprinklers & fire pump stations: Items 1 through 126.
Group B – Sprinklers with no fire pump: Items 127 through 323
Group C – Sprinklers and deluge systems with control panels: Items 324 through 383.
Group D – Standpipe systems: Items 384 through 448.

123101 **E-144** **GRANTED/
AUTHORIZED**

For the reasons stated in this item, grant the request for waiver for competitive purchase of services, during the term of the referenced funding periods, between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the noted agencies, and **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to enter into contracts with each of the recommended agencies. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

123102 **F-1** **AUTHORIZED**

The Superintendent to:

1. Finalize required due diligence research to inform District recommendations;
2. Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development or Jewish

Community Services of South Florida, Inc. will provide funding for the sole purpose of addressing any of the referenced due diligence matters for this potential project that can only be addressed by the District including, but not limited to, two property appraisals; and

3. Should the due diligence with the County and Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. be proven to be a viable project for the District, bring recommendations for the framework of the deal to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

- 123103 **F-2** **AUTHORIZED** The Superintendent to:
1. Enter into discussions with the City of Hialeah to explore a partnership to maximize the utilization of District assets for the:
 - a. development and operations of expanded youth sports programming at Hialeah Middle School and Henry Filer Middle School;
 - b. development of housing for the District's workforce at Hialeah Senior High School and James H. Bright / JW Johnson Elementary;
 - c. capital investments to demolish various existing buildings, construct a new addition, and remodel and renovate remaining buildings; and
 - d. capital investments to renovate and remodel James H. Bright / JW Johnson Elementary;
 2. Present additional details and formulate recommendations to the Board at a subsequent meeting, should discussions with the City of Hialeah be successful.
- 123104 **F-26** **COMMISSIONED** Laura M. Perez and Associates, Inc., as Architect/Engineer of Record for General Obligation Bond funded New Addition, Remodeling and Renovations at The English Center, located at 3501 S.W. 28 Street, Miami, Florida 33133, Project Number 02214500, as follows:
- 1) a lump sum fee of \$1,630,000 for A/E Basic Services; and
 - 2) supporting services and fees, project scope, and all terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement and the body of the agenda item.
- 123105 **F-80** **APPROVED** The prequalification certificate for one (1) new application for educational facilities, as listed on Attachment "A".
- 123106 **G-1** **AUTHORIZED** The Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Bylaw 0173, District Strategic Plan.
- 123107 **G-2** **APPROVED** The proposed Settlement Agreement in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Jacqueline Gil-Abarzua, DOAH Case No. 23-03506TTS, suspending Respondent for five (5) workdays and issuing her backpay for five

(5) workdays.

123108	<u>G-3</u>	APPROVED	The resolution of the matter known as Miami-Dade County School Board v. Ilka Munoz, DOAH Case No. 23-002051TTS, and issue Respondent backpay for five (5) workdays.
123109	<u>G-4</u>	APPROVED	The resolution of the matter known as Miami-Dade County School Board v. Antoinette McKay, DOAH Case No. 23-001640TT, and issue Respondent backpay for five (5) workdays.
123110	<u>G-5</u>	APPROVED	The employment contract for Mr. Joshua Hillel Hubner, Esq. to the position of Associate General Counsel (Risk Management/Litigation) under Job Code 8106/Paygrade A2.
123111	<u>H-2</u>	DIRECTED*	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief Auditor to support the Office of the Inspector General for any further review/audits to be conducted regarding PCard and travel card expenses for the Office of School Board Members, including previous and present Board members; and <u>for any years not audited by the Inspector General, that the Chief Auditor conducts audits for the past five years beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.</u>2. The Chief Auditor to adjust the current annual audit plan for 2023-2024 and prioritize the audit of the PCard <u>and travel card</u> process during this school year, which was previously scheduled for the 2024-2025 school year and include additional <u>audit procedures annual audits</u> for the School Board Members Offices, the Office of the Superintendent, the Office of Management and Compliance Audits, and the Office of the General Counsel, as part of the annual financial statement audit by the external accounting firm on an annual basis; <u>and provide additional training to School Board Members and related staff as necessary.</u>3. <u>Take immediate corrective action, inclusive of quarterly reviews and reviews of procedures governing the use of the Pcard and travel card for School Board Members, and upon receipt of the Final Report from the Office of the Inspector General, and Chief Auditor, and make any policy revisions and/or recommendations, as appropriate.</u>4. <u>Authorize the Chief Auditor to implement procurement procedures, where appropriate, that may be required for the retention and contracting of external audit services for the Pcard and travel card for School Board Members, Office of the Superintendent, Office of Management and Compliance, Audits, and General Counsel.</u> <p><u>*Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, Dr. Steve Gallon, III, and Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Members, as co-sponsors of this item.</u></p>
123112	<u>H-3</u>	CONFIRMED	The Chair's appointment of: (i) Mr. Daniel Espino, Board Member, to represent the School Board on the Value Adjustment Board; and (ii) Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair, as the alternate

representative of the School Board on the Value Adjustment Board; and (iii) Mr. Hani M. Jardack as the School Board's citizen member on the Value Adjustment Board.

- 123113 **H-4** **ENDORSED** March 2024, as Youth Arts in Our Schools Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- 123114 **H-5** **AUTHORIZED** The Superintendent of Schools to initiate rulemaking proceedings, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to revise and amend School Board Policy 0166, Non-Public Meetings, and any other applicable policies and bylaws, requiring:
1. Scheduling semi-annual private and confidential security sessions with the School Board by February 1st and August 1st;
 2. This proposed action does not exclude the scheduling of any other private and confidential security sessions, as needed.
- 123115 **H-6** **DIRECTED** The Superintendent of Schools to:
1. Review, examine and analyze current hiring practices by conducting a comprehensive review of the existing employment screening and hiring process, determine whether there are opportunities for improvement, with a particular emphasis on the background references and previous employment screening processes;
 2. Review and re-examine communication protocols for faculty and staff to ensure that employees' interactions with students are appropriate, efficacious and professional;
 3. Review and re-examine protocols to ensure that employees, parents and students are aware of the proper channels for reporting any concerns or suspicions related to inappropriate conduct or relationships;
 4. Revisit current professional development opportunities and if determined feasible and appropriate, enhance or create training sessions for all faculty and staff members, as well as parents and students, on appropriate, professional employee-student interaction. If determined feasible and appropriate, this training should include clear guidelines on recognizing and reporting any behavior that may be considered inappropriate or indicative of potential employee misconduct;
 5. Revisit the collaborations and dialogue among the State Attorney's Office, M-DCPS police and Miami Dade County Police from the Special Victims' Bureau, Sexual Predator, and Offender Unit to provide ongoing input and assistance concerning matters involving employee misconduct;
 6. Provide a report to the Board at the Personnel, Student, School & Community Committee Meeting on April 10, 2024.

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123116 **H-8** **RECOGNIZED*** January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

*Amended to include Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto Alonso, Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Board Members as co-sponsors of this item.

123117 **H-9** **RECOGNIZED*** February as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

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