

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

Excerpts from Unofficial Minutes of January 14, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting

		APPROVED	Minutes of December 17, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting.
124,214	<u>A-1</u>	HEARD	<p>Superintendent’s Informational Reports to the Board on Selected Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting Innovative Teachers • Industry Leaders in Apprenticeship
124,215	<u>B-3</u>	APPROVED*	<p>Resolution No. 26-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Biltmore Hotel on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a symbol of recognition, respect, preservation, and gratitude for its ongoing role as a landmark of history, education, beauty, and civic pride.</p> <p><small>*Amended to include <u>Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, and Mr. Daniel Espino</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors on this item.</small></p>
124,216	<u>B-4</u>	APPROVED*	<p>Resolution No. 26-002 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing District 9 Holocaust Education Initiatives.</p> <p><small>*Amended to include <u>Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Mr. Joseph S. Geller</u>, School Board Members, as co-sponsors on this item.</small></p>
124,217	<u>B-5</u>	APPROVED*	<p>Resolution No. 26-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade Northside District Neighborhood Unit (NRU).</p> <p><small>*Amended to include <u>Ms. Maria Teresa “Mari Tere” Rojas, Chair, Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair, Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Ms. Mary Blanco, Mr. Daniel Espino, and Ms. Luisa Santos</u>, Board Members, as co-sponsors on this item.</small></p>
124,218	<u>D-19</u>	RECEIVED	The school safety compliance report for the second quarter of the school year, dated October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.
124,219	<u>D-20</u>	APPROVED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Personnel Action Listing 1199 for Instructional and Support Personnel appointments, reassignments, leaves, separations, retirements, and resignations from November 21, 2025, through December 18, 2025. 2. Instructional personnel assigned to teach out-of-field for the 2025-2026 February FTE Survey.
124,220	<u>D-21</u>	APPROVED	The recommendation for appointments and lateral transfers to be effective January 15, 2026, 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.

1. The Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, which has been agreed to by the employees.
 - A) Sheleenya Clark: suspension without pay from her position as Teacher at Myrtle Grove K-8 Center, for ten (10) workdays, effective January 15, 2026, for just cause, including, but not limited to: misconduct in office; and violation of School Board Policies 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), 1012.33, and 447.209, Florida Statutes; and State Board Rules 6A-5.056 and 6A-10.081, FAC.
 - B) Yunifer Duque: suspension without pay from his position as Teacher at Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, for fifteen (15) workdays, effective January 15, 2026, 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.
- 2) That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the Superintendent's recommendation for disciplinary action, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing or grievance/arbitration proceeding, if requested.
 - A) Christine L. Smothers: suspension without pay from her position as School Bus Driver at South Transportation Center, for thirty (30) calendar days, effective January 15, 2026, 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

124,223	<u>D-68</u>	EXPELLED/ PROVIDED	<p>That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students specified in supplemental material *SM-14 (Grade 9) and SM-16 (Grade 5), 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 2025-2026 school year, the 2026 summer session, and the 2026-2027 school year. 2. Continuing educational services in an alternative school/program during the term of the expulsion. <p>*subsequent to the expulsion, the students were withdrawn from the school district.</p>
124,224	<u>E-1</u>	RECEIVED/ FILED	The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 2025.
124,225	<u>E-35</u>	APPROVED	Resolution 25-055 authorizing the issuance of up to \$400,000,000 of refunding Certificates of Participation to refund all or a portion of the Series 2015D, 2016A, 2016B, and, 2016C COPs.
124,226	<u>E-36</u>	APPROVED	Resolution 25-056 authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to \$400,000,000 of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds to refund all or a portion of the Series 2014A, 2015 and 2016 GO Bonds.
124,227	<u>E-201</u>	AUTHORIZED	<p>The Superintendent to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. accept five grant awards from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Miami-Dade County Public Schools – Classical Education Model Grant, in the approximate amount of \$500,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; b. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Miami-County Public Schools – SpaceHUB @ Booker T. Washington Senior High School, in the approximate amount of \$350,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; c. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) under the National Football League Foundation Grassroots Program, in the approximate amount of \$250,000, for the grant period of December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; d. Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under Computer Science Teacher

Certification, in the approximate amount of \$469,722, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

- e. The Education Fund for funding under SmartPath Connect to College: A Bridge to Postsecondary Success, in the approximate amount of \$434,302, for the grant period of January 1, 2026, through July 31, 2029.
- 2. enter into contractual service agreements with the agencies prescribed in the grant, with whom the School Board must contract, pursuant to Board Policy 6320 – Purchase Approval and Competitive; Bidding Process Requirements;
- 3. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
- 4. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
- 5. direct Financial Services to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board;
- 6. authorize travel out-of-state as required by the grant parameters; and
- 7. eliminate any grant-funded position upon cessation of the grant funds, and place the impacted employee(s) on the Personnel Action Listing of Instructional and Non-Instructional Appointments, Reassignments, Leaves and Separations for the relevant period.

124,228 **F-41** **AWARDED**

Invitation to Bid 25-0002 (ITB 25-0002) to KAST Construction Company Florida, LLC for the New Addition at Marine Academy of Science and Technology (MAST) at FIU Senior High School Biscayne Bay Campus –Phase II; Project Number 02299100; on the basis of the lowest Base Bid in the amount of \$17,828,224.00.

127,229 **F-54** **AUTHORIZED**

The renewal of the Job Order Contracts under the same terms and conditions as the original contracts, except for weighted factors, which will be subject to negotiation with the vendors to ensure terms that are most advantageous and in the best interest of the District, for a contract term not to exceed one year. The contracts are as follows:

- a. Contract #JOC22OC-4
Unitech Builders Corp.
16115 SW 117 Avenue, Suite 10
Miami, Florida 33177
Weighted Factor: 0.7999
Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.7999
Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.7999

- b. Contract #JOC22OC-5
FHP Tectonics Corporation
2301 NW 33 Court, Unit 113
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
Weighted Factor: 0.8000
Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.8000
Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.8000
- c. Contract #JOC22OC-6
J.R.T. Construction, Co.
3050 NW 77 Court Doral, Florida 33122
Weighted Factor: 0.9199
Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9199
Other than Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9199
- d. Contract #JOC22SC-3
JCI International, Inc.
12315 SW 132 Court Miami, Florida 33186
Weighted Factor: 0.9599
SBE Tier-1 Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9599
Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 0.9599
- e. Contract #JOC22SC-4
Carivon Construction Company
12171 SW 131 Ave Miami, Florida 33186
Weighted Factor: 1.0439
Regular Working Hours Factor: 1.0437
Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 1.0458
SBE Tier-2
- f. Contract #JOC22MC-2
Alta Home Remodeling Co. dba Alta Quality Builders
15358 SW 62 Street Miami, Florida 33193
Weighted Factor: 0.9999
Regular Working Hours Factor: 0.9999
Other than Regular Working Hours Factors: 0.9999
MBE Tier -2

2. Provide the School Board with an update within thirty (30) days regarding the negotiated weighted factors.

124,230	<u>F-80</u>	APPROVED	The prequalification applications for educational facilities as listed in Attachment A of the Agenda Item.
124,231	<u>G-1</u>	APPROVED	The proposed Settlement Agreement in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Charlie E. Horn, issuing the Respondent back pay from the time his criminal case was resolved to the date of his reinstatement.
124,232	<u>G-2</u>	AUTHORIZED	The Office of the General Counsel to provide or secure legal representation for the legal defense of the retired School Board employee who is individually-named as a codefendant in the matter of William Clark and Adah Clark, on behalf of A.C. vs. The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, and Hannah Purcell, in her individual capacity. USDC Case No. 25-CV-24478-RAR.
124,233	<u>G-3</u>	APPROVED	The proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Marcus Alexander, reinstating Respondent to his employment with the District and issuing the Respondent back pay from the time Respondent's criminal case was resolved to the date of his reinstatement.
124,234	<u>H-3</u>	CONFIRMED*	The Chair's 2026 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.

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124,235 H-4 **ADOPTED***

The proposed draft of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2026 Federal Legislative Program.

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124,236 H-5 **RECOGNIZED/
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DIRECTED**

1. Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for her visionary leadership and 26 years of dedicated service through the No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop, and reaffirm its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote safety, dignity, healing, and well-being for all members of the community;
2. The Superintendent to recognize February 28, 2026, across Miami-Dade County Public Schools as "No More Broken Hearts Day", to raise awareness about domestic violence, honor survivors, promote prevention and education, and reaffirm the District's collective responsibility to foster safe, supportive, and compassionate learning and working environments for all.

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124,237 H-6 **DIRECTED***

The Superintendent to:

1. Conduct a systemwide review and analysis of Accelerated and Advanced Learning courses available for each school that includes enrollment in each;
2. Develop a districtwide Accelerated and Advanced Learning Plan for reading and mathematics that prioritizes above-grade level instruction and increases student achievement at Levels 4 and 5;
3. Implement districtwide, multi-measure criteria for identifying and placing students into accelerated and advanced learning courses, with intentional outreach to ensure access for all student groups;
4. Ensure that all accelerated and advanced courses include embedded academic supports, which may include curriculum aligned tutoring, intervention or enrichment labs, summer bridge programs, an instructional coaching;
5. Establish progress accountability measures to monitor student participation, performance, and growth in accelerated pathways, including

annual increases in the percentage of students' achievement Levels 4 and 5 in reading and mathematics and report on these Levels (4 and 5) as a separate category when sharing assessment results with the Board; and

6. Deliver a presentation that includes the implementation plan to initiate for the 2026-2027 school year, timeline, and initial progress report to the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation, and Technology Committee by April 15, 2026.

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124,238 **H-7** **ENCOURAGED/
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PROMOTED***

1. Schools to incorporate dating violence awareness into counseling programs, student assemblies, and wellness initiatives;
2. Information on available district and community resources with students and families;
3. Professional development for staff on recognizing and responding to signs of dating violence;
4. Student-led initiatives that foster peer education, advocacy, and healthy relationship practices.

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124,239 **H-8** **RECOGNIZED***

February 2026 as National Black History Month and join in celebrating National Black History Month in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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124,240 **H-9** **AFFIRMED***

Its commitment to fiscal responsibility and operational efficiency by directing the Superintendent to, as feasible:

1. Conduct an assessment of each school site to inventory existing electronic access systems and identify gaps in current access control practices across the district; and
2. Analyze the long-term operational and fiscal impacts of transitioning from mechanical key systems to electronic access, including potential savings from reduced re-keying, streamlined credentialing, student accessibility, and improved key management; and
3. If deemed feasible and appropriate following the assessment and analysis indicated in recommendations 1 and 2 above: develop a phased plan to

expand electronic access, integrated with current school IDs, at existing schools, prioritizing exterior doors, high-traffic areas, and schools undergoing major renovations to ensure a fiscally responsible approach; update access-control design standards for all new capital and maintenance projects, as well as renovation or remodeling projects at all district facilities, including requirements for electronic key-card systems and compatibility with districtwide safety technologies and current staff and student IDs; and

4. Share findings and recommendations with the M-DCPS Safety & Security Committee; and
5. Present findings and recommendations to the Fiscal Accountability Committee by April 2026, including proposed implementation timelines and funding strategies.

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H-10 GOOD CAUSE

Request that the Superintendent of Schools endorse the Live Like Bella Foundation Superhero 5K on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Tropical Park.

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