



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present: Chair Mindy McNichols
Vice Chair Christina Shapiro
Dorrene Cook
Cheryl Mulet

Also Present: Councilman Youngs
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

2) Approval of Minutes

2a. October 18, 2005 Regular Meeting

The Board **tabled** approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting.

3) Miami-Dade County Public Schools Regional Center 3 Report

a. School Board Plan to Make Up Hurricane Days

Mr. Robert Kalinsky of Regional Center 3 said that the winter break and spring recess would not be impacted, and the hurricane make up days are the Friday before Christmas, President's Day, March 17th and two days at the end of the school year. The five days that were lost earlier in the year would not have to be made up.

To answer Chair McNichols' question, Mr. Kalinsky said that August 8, 2006 is the opening date for the next school year and it would be contingent upon legislative action that could change it to later in August.

Discussion ensued regarding the school calendars that would be presented to the School Board for review in December.

b. FCAT Schedule

Mr. Kalinsky said that he had not heard anything official about the FCAT schedule. He asked the school Principals who were present if they had received any information.

Miami Springs Senior High School Principal Ed Smith stated that he did not receive any official information but he heard discussions about delaying it one week.

Town Hall Meeting

Mr. Kalinsky reported that a Town Hall meeting for Region 3 was held last night at Miami-Northwestern Senior High School that was not very well attended by the Miami Springs community.

Family Night

Mr. Kalinsky stated that the School Superintendent is mandating a Family Night for the feeder patterns on December 8th, and Middle School Principal Dr. Gail Quigley will host the Miami Springs feeder pattern, which will include a spaghetti dinner and educational programs.

High School Renovations

Mr. Kalinsky said that substantial completion of the renovations at Miami Springs Senior High School is scheduled for April 2007. The project includes a new gymnasium floor and bleachers, group toilets, auditorium seating and carpeting, stage floor refinishing, classroom remodeling and ADA work. He said that the school received additional funding that was not originally planned for.

John Neblett, Capital Construction, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, stated that the \$3 million renovation project could be done in two phases and construction is scheduled to begin May 15, 2006.

School “WWW”

Mr. Neblett confirmed that substantial completion for State School “WWW” is scheduled for November 2007, and occupancy would be in January 2008 after the final inspections. He said that the project is no longer his responsibility, but he had heard from the contractors that there are additional problems that could cause a delay. The project is in the preliminary design phase and the bid numbers are not final.

To answer Vice Chair Shapiro's question, Mr. Neblett said that "WWW" is being designed for 1,964 student stations. He explained that the original plan for 1,600 student stations was increased in order to make the cost per student station come within budget and the project is now estimated to cost \$50 million.

Mr. Kalinsky stated that the School Board approved the original funding for the Miami Springs' relief school and Miami-Coral Park "MMM" at the same time.

Mr. Neblett clarified that the plans for the Miami Springs and Coral Park relief schools were exactly the same and they were on the same School Board agenda for approval.

Mr. Kalinsky advised the Board that "MMM" opened this week at the Miami-Coral Park High School campus, they now have two facilities, and the portables are being removed. He said that construction of School "WWW" would have to be expedited in order to be able to open for the 2008 school year, and even though it is located in Regional Center 1, it will be a Regional Center 3 school.

Vice Chair Shapiro suggested that the Board could make a motion to ask the City Council to write a letter to the School Board asking "WWW" to be reassigned to Regional Center 3.

Mr. Kalinsky said that it would not be necessary to write a letter because "WWW" would be a Miami Springs' relief school.

Further discussion ensued regarding the construction of School "WWW".

To answer Chair McNichols' question, Mr. Kalinsky confirmed that the construction schedule for the new Doral High School is on target and the school will open on time.

Mr. Neblett reported that construction of the new Miami-Jackson High School started and the opening date is scheduled for January 2008.

Discussion ensued regarding hurricane damage at the schools and the power outage at Miami Springs Senior High School.

4) Individual School Reports

Miami Springs Senior High School Principal Ed Smith reported the following:

- Saturday FCAT tutoring will begin in December instead of January
- Progress reports are being sent out tomorrow
- Mid-term exams will be taken on December 12, 13, and 14th and make-up exams on December 15th and 16th
- The School Staff and custodians are commended for the clean up after the hurricane

- The hazardous pine trees by the portables are being eliminated and one tree knocked down a power line that caused the power outage
- Current school enrollment is 3,397 and they are still verifying addresses to determine if students live in the district
- The percentage of graduating seniors is increasing every year by providing more services, counseling and career planning

Springview Elementary School Principal Dr. Tonya Dillard reported:

- Springview did well during the hurricane, with the exception of fallen tree limbs
- Staff attendance was 100% after the hurricane and the student attendance was at 90% and is still increasing
- The focus is on accelerating the learning process to make up for lost time during the hurricane
- Students are taking practice FCAT tests and every student in grades 3-5 is having an individual conference to set FCAT goals

Miami Springs Middle School Principal Dr. Gail Quigley reported:

- Staff attendance was 100% after the hurricane
- Trees were damaged during the hurricanes and a new tree will replace the one in the courtyard
- Early release is Thursday, November 17th and they will hold “Critical Friends” and the Continuous Improvement Model. “Critical Friends” is a protocol that reviews student work and the teachers work together to improve student performance.
- FCAT Parent Night is scheduled for November 29th
- Family Night and a spaghetti dinner will be held on December 8th
- Renovation of the auditorium began last week
- Painting and ADA renovations will require removal of the lockers, which will be an improvement
- The school has already collected \$14,800 for the Cancer Walk that was rescheduled to January 2006

5) Old Business

5a. Miami Springs Senior High School and ABC

Vice Chair Shapiro stated that she met with Regional Superintendent George Núñez and Mr. Kalinsky regarding some of her concerns related to capital improvements and the ABC process.

Ms. Shapiro said that Miami Springs Senior High School had not been targeted for a boundary change this year. Last year, when the school level ABC Committee process began, the school was at 162% FISH capacity and now the numbers show the school was at 159%.

Ms. Shapiro stated that she was concerned in light of the Board's prior year recommendations to the district level ABC Committee to target the High School, this year's deadline has passed and the High School will not be targeted. Ms. Shapiro recommended asking for next year's ABC calendar in July 2006.

Ms. Shapiro informed the Board that Mr. Núñez assured her that Miami Springs Senior High School would have his complete attention and it would be targeted for the 2006-2007 school year with the boundary changes taking effect in the 2007-2008 year. She hoped the construction schedule for School "WWW" could be adjusted in order to open at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

Ms. Shapiro expressed her concern about Miami Springs Senior High School teachers who are already earmarked to move to the new Doral High School. She wanted to make sure that the teachers are replaced with teachers of the same caliber and Mr. Kalinsky said that he would be approving the replacement teachers.

6) New Business:

6a. Legislative Update:

There was no discussion on this item.

7) Other Business:

Chair McNichols stated that the capital improvement plan for Springview Elementary included a media center. She said that because of the class size amendment the music room was divided into three gifted classrooms and they added one new portable. She said that she would like to keep track of the capital improvements that are slated for all the Miami Springs' schools, which could be a topic for discussion at the next meeting in January.

To answer Cheryl Mulet's question, Ms. Shapiro clarified the FISH capacity at the Middle School is 124%, Miami Springs Elementary is 129% and Springview is 148%.

Mr. Kalinsky offered to provide information about the capital improvements at the January meeting.

Chair McNichols added that the January agenda would include a presentation from Miami Springs Middle School Principal Dr. Quigley regarding the magnet and special programs.

8) Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Hitaffer
Clerk of the Board

Approved as written at meeting of : January 17, 2006

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