

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Area Advisory Council –Indian Ridge Middle School
DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:45 AM-11:30 AM
Agenda

Chair – Dee Defoe
Recording Secretary – Brie-Anne Pendlebury

Vice Chair – Pamela Taylor
Corresponding Secretary – Dania Previl

Meeting was called to order at 9:52 A.M.

Call to order

Update/Welcome:

- Sign-up to receive emails @ Centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com
- General Email: CentralAreaAdvisoryCouncil@ch2v.com
- Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged)
- Approval of April Minutes: motion to approve by Kanchan Sakarani, seconded by Bernadette Harding.
- Welcome from Mr. Ian Murray

Speakers

Daniel P. Foganholi, *School Board Member, District 5*

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CANCELLED sent email extending apologies for cancellation due to an emergency meeting

Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs, Legislative Affairs Department/John Sullivan, Chief Communications (Task Assigned) Officer on Referendum

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The 2018 referendum will be expiring on June 30, 2023. It currently funds 500 safety and security personnel, 100 mental health personnel, and workforce supplements. The new proposal increases from .5 to 1 mil to offset the new amount required to be shared with charter schools and increase supplements to workforce. The increase cost is about \$12 per a month per homeowner. This is about funding people not buildings. An independent audit confirms that the funds from the 2018 referendum were spent according to what was proposed to voters.

The below one-page flyer summarizes the information provided by the district regarding rationale for renewing the renewal. The referendum election date will be on August 23, 2022 with the primary election ballot. If passed, the referendum will be in place for four years.



SECURE THE NEXT GENERATION

August 23, 2022



Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is presenting voters with a referendum renewal that will appear on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot.

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum would increase voters' investment in education to one mill to continue securing funds for all public schools – and will now also include charter schools – to:

- ✓ Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by increasing compensation
- ✓ Provide additional school resource officers and school safety staff
- ✓ Enhance essential programs, such as mental health services



- Supplements for teachers and eligible staff
- School resource officers and safety staff
- Essential programs

Audit Approval:

The District engaged S. Davis & Associates, P.A. to audit the current, and soon to expire, Secure the Next Generation Referendum. The audit noted that the District expended Secure the Next Generation funds as approved by voters on the August 28, 2018, referendum ballot.

For information about early voting and voting by mail, visit browardsoe.org.

browardschools.com/secure

Why does BCPS need to renew the referendum and increase it to 1 mill?

The funds from the ½ mill referendum that voters approved in 2018 are set to expire. Those funds support over 500 school safety personnel, 100 mental health professionals, and approximately \$82 million in compensation supplements for teachers and eligible staff to compete with neighboring school districts.

The School Board voted to approve and present this referendum on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot, with an increase to one mill, for voters to consider investing in Broward County Public Schools.

This renewal would provide BCPS with the ability to compete with neighboring school districts, and to account for new legislation that requires the District to now share nearly 20% of these funds with charter schools.

What is a mill or millage rate?

The mill or millage rate is the amount of property value used to calculate local property taxes. One mil would provide \$100 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

What is the Difference Between the Secure the Next Generation Referendum Renewal and the SMART Bond?

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum is not related to the SMART Bond. SMART Bond funds strictly provide funding for critical maintenance needs and capital improvements to buildings. The SMART Bond funds cannot be used for compensation or noncapital expenses. To learn more, visit bcpsmarbfutures.com.

What to expect for year 2023:

- At an average home value of \$390,000, homeowners would invest approximately \$270 per year or \$23 per month, which is an additional \$11.50 more than their current investment.
- At an average condo value of \$190,000, owners would invest approximately \$150 per year or \$13 per month, which is an additional \$6.50 more than their current investment.
- If the referendum passes, it would generate \$177 million for BCPS and \$45 million for charter schools annually, a total of approximately \$222 million (includes 2% collection shortfall in property taxes) in fiscal year 2023. The referendum will expire in four years.

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Nominating Committee

Chair: Tammy Cippolone

Committee Volunteers: Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh, Kay Davis Patterson

Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh facilitated today's elections.

Chairs can currently serve for two years; however, bylaws may be changed to four or five years after revisions are made.

Nominees as noted:

Chair-Dee Defoe

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There were no nominations from the floor. This slate was approved. Dymond Cross motion to approve slate as proposed. There were no oppositions.

Elementary School Representative: Kristine Cartagena, Michele Rich-Grieco
High School Representative: Bernadette Harding
Business Representative: Nelson Rose
Legislative Representative: Carolyn Krohn
Facilities Representative: Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh
Teacher Representative: Samantha Seeburger
Citizen at Large: Maxine Briuite

Facilities Task Force- *Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh*

Full Report as shared:

We received an update on the deaf and hard of hearing classroom emergency notification scope requirements from the Task Assigned? Chief Fire Official Matt Decker. We also had a tutorial on the different types of change orders and how they interact with a project budget from Cost and Program Controls Manager Atkins Ashley Carpenter. We'd like to thank them both for very informative presentations.

Follow Up:

- Awaiting a response from the Superintendent or School Board regarding having the Facilities Task Force and Diversity Committee on the Long-Range Planning Steering Committee. Research of best practices from other districts indicate the inclusion of external stakeholders. The question we would like answered by the Superintendent is "Why wouldn't you want external stakeholders on the steering committee?"
- Waiting for the report on remaining 6 lane high school athletic tracks that need to be converted to the District's 8-lane regional competition track standard to be in compliance with the CCC.
- Waiting for verification of all relevant Cypress Bay HS owner-requested code and ed spec change orders being applied to Northeast HS new building
- Received portable inspection update; now need report on portable status—ie satisfactory/unsatisfactory, so recommendations can be made for demolition prioritization
- Will be requesting clarification on whether COPs are maxed out—need funding for Parkway, Bethune, Bennett, etc.

New business

- Facilities Consultant – being paid \$175, not to exceed \$42,000. Requested report of findings
- Requested status on pre-SMART projects to ensure all have been completed and financially closed out
- Requested AECOM work with district to assess design and construction subcontractor performance

Stranahan HS Cafeteria

We are still awaiting a response from the Superintendent regarding the false official statements from JJ-28 (see Excel spreadsheet for fact vs fiction) made by staff to the Board that influenced the School Board decision made on 11/09/22, the resolution to exempt Stranahan from the Size of Space and Occupant criteria tables, and the inadvertent violation of the CCC Settlement Agreement as related to parity with District standards.

In addition to the findings listed in the April report, we discussed the following issues on 5/5/22:

50% Construction documents open items:

1. Site adaptation - Waiting for civil engineering plan to determine drainage requirements
2. Parking lot (A100 - A 101)- adapting site to accommodate delivery trucks and create a service yard vs commingling ESE student buses and commercial vehicles
3. Replacement of old walkway connecting new cafeteria to buildings 5, 6, and 7
4. Life Safety Plan (LS 211) does not show seating with exit aisles and minimum separations to confirm aisles meet code requirements. Reviewers are directed to the furniture, fixtures and equipment page (FFE A-700), which only shows seating.

We are awaiting an updated project timeline and estimated budget from AECOM and Atkins, respectively as site adaptation issues (like the parking lot and surface water permitting) are impacting the timeline and most likely the budget.

Finally, I obtained some clarity this week on how Miami Palmetto HS is able to feed its students in two lunches--they have two carts that serve grab and go lunches. One cart is located by the main entrance, and the other by the 5,000 sqft covered dining patio (south of the cafeteria). They also have a large number of students who bring their lunch. This, in conjunction with the grab and go windows, would significantly reduce the number of students who actually need to go through the lunch lines to obtain lunch, especially since the school's free and reduced lunch capacity was reported to be 44.8%. This would also reduce the number of students attempting to sit in the cafeteria. This much needed context does not appear to be included in any information on which the Board relied upon in making decisions related to Stranahan's cafeteria replacement.

Looking for a Board request for 1) a memo from AECOM summarizing the current status of the project; and 2) a workshop date to discuss the current status and related issues so the Board as a whole can fix this problem--which started with second guessing when the DEFP was approved, grew worse with false information on 11/9/21 and 12/14/21, and is now threatening to become the best-documented example of what happens when politics trump policy, procedure, law, ethics, best practices, truth, and most important--equity.

Subcommittee Meeting Agenda 05/19/22

- Surface Water Management License /Certification
- Proposed 2022-23 organizational chart - impact on Facilities (see CC-1)

- March AECOM and Atkins Risk Assessment reports
- Follow up items - Broadview ES scope/invoice; Oakridge ES contractor – cafeteria still not complete
- June regular meeting Agenda items - culinary arts programs and related facilities; change orders - policy/process

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Appreciation awards were given to all representatives to the Central Area Advisory by Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Defoe. Mr. Jarvis thanked everyone for an excellent year of collaboration.

There has been a new subcommittee developed based on conversation.

Boundary Sub-committee:

Chair: Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh

Members: Pamela Taylor, Heather Sykes, Michelle Granoff, Danielle Grieco

Adjourned: 11:45 A.M.