

Capital Budget Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994

Members Present

Dr. David Anderson
Vicki Davis, Chair
Susan Hershey, Vice-Chair
Laurie Gaylord
Lorie Shekailo
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent

Members Absent

Matt Rudling, Student Representative (SFHS)
Tom Elfers, School Board Attorney
Hank Salzler

Staff Present

Lori McWilliams, Darla Miloszewski, Rodger Osborne, Steve Rusnak, Dr. Frank Raffone, Mike Lindgren, Victoria Defenthaler, Xenobia Anderson, Kris Kerr, Jenny Lambdin, Essie Rains, Debbie Henderson, Don Merritt, Ginger Featherstone, Joan Hunt, Gary Shelt, Nancy Marin, Gail Newman, Cece Hysmith, Tracey Miller, Debbie Vanover, Pat Schmoyer, Ray Parrish, Mike McLeod, Loreen Francescani

Public

None

Press

PBPost – Rani Gupta

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – Jeanette Phillips

AFSCME – No Representation

Call to Order by the Chair at 5:00 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. Open to the Public None

2. Capital Project Presentation (COPY ATTACHED)

Mr. Steve Rusnak stated the presentation would focus on the upcoming fiscal year, the budget roll forward, new allocations for continuing and new capital projects as well as revenue projections and fund balance calculations. The second part of the presentation will focus on future needs – needs addressed beyond the current fiscal year.

Current Fiscal Year

The current revenue projections for the upcoming fiscal year in local millage rates is 26.7 million, impact fees of approximately 1.4 million, PECO for maintenance, new construction and bond of approximately 3.2 million and additional classrooms for kids funding of 1.3 million. The projected budget roll-forward on current capital projects include Jensen Beach High School, Port Salerno, Hobe Sound and J. D. Parker Replacement schools, Warfield Elementary, and other projects for an approximate roll-forward of 30.7 million. The new year net fund balance is projected at \$7,069,470.

He reviewed projects to be funded included the Hobe Sound Replacement school, a proposed new middle school, the continued maintenance and remodeling projects, on-going technological needs, Murray Middle School cafeteria, Pinewood and Crystal Lake roof replacement projects, annual buy-back and transfer, Martin County High School Phase 1, buses and vehicles, school FTE and performing arts, and miscellaneous equipment and school needs which includes an allocation for land. This brings the ending balance at the end of the year at to \$160,751. Mrs. Shekailo pointed out that the 7.3 million budgeted for a new middle school would not cover the full cost of building and Mr. Rusnak agreed and explained this would only get the project started and the board wouldn't have the means to fully fund the entire project in that fiscal year.

Mrs. Hershey stated that the district would be hard hit on the 2 mill capital if the Homestead Exemption passes and asked if there is a Plan B and Mr. Rusnak advised not currently but could be created. Mrs. Hershey pointed out this amendment could mean a loss of \$7 million to the district in discretionary funds.

Dr. Anderson asked if the budgets on the current projects are remaining true to form and Mr. Osborne explained the budgets were set prior to steel and concrete becoming major issues and they would need to be addressed. He acknowledged that Jensen Beach High School and Port Salerno Elementary are within the GMP and expect to finish on budget. The projects of concern are Hobe Sound Elementary and J. D. Parker. Mrs. Hershey asked about receiving a gas tax for transportation and Dr. Wilcox would check into this.

Future Needs

Mr. Rusnak explained the total estimated cost for a new middle school would be \$30,000,000 and the goal would be to open the school in August 2006. The plan represents a new elementary school in 2007 at an estimated cost of \$15,000,000. Mrs. Davis asked Steve to review how the funds could be expended over the three years, however open in year two of construction. He explained due to budget restraints it is necessary to be budgeted over three fiscal years and if the school opens in August 2006, the remaining budget that is budgeted in the next fiscal year will allow for the final payment to be in the next year.

- Martin County High School

Mr. Osborne explained the Phase 1 work would cost approximately \$2.2 million and would be along the front of the school and would correct bus drop near the gym area. Phase II would be a cafeteria.

- South Fork High School

The classroom addition, Phase 1, is addressed in the 5-year plan and the cafeteria as Phase 2.

- Hidden Oaks Middle School

Renovations show up in 2007 and a classroom addition once the new middle school is built. Mr. Osborne reviewed, at Mrs. Hershey's request, the parking and traffic flow plan for 714.

- Indiantown Middle School

There are two Phases addressed in the 5-year plan, a classroom addition and site improvements for bus loading and separation of traffic and addressing safety and parking issues. They are initially planning for 600 and with new construction and master planning they are proposing 1200.

- Murray Middle School

A cafeteria is addressed in the upcoming budget and a two-story classroom addition in the 5-year plan.

- Stuart Middle School

Explained the final plans for Stuart Middle School will be held for board approval as well as Hidden Oaks and Indiantown due to organization of phases. New two-story classrooms are recommended.

- Bessey Creek Elementary School, Felix A. Williams Elementary, and SeaWind Elementary School

These are the newer schools and due to classroom size reduction and immediate needs will be classroom additions. Courtyard is to be preserved at Bessey. Site work would be an issue for all three schools and entering and exiting would be considered at Felix A. Williams due to access issues. The most immediate concern for SeaWind appears to be the noise affecting the new housing around the school.

- Crystal Lake Elementary and Pinewood Elementary School

New roof replacements for the two schools are accounted for in the current budget. There are some infrastructure issues that need to be addressed in the near future such as air handlers and HVAC. Additional classrooms are needed as well.

- Jensen Beach Elementary and Palm City Elementary

There are considerable outstanding issues with both schools the must be carefully addressed such as traffic and parking issues. Both schools are well perceived by their neighborhoods. Parks and Recreation is interested in placing a joint soccer field at Palm City.

- Warfield Elementary School

Building 9 is currently under renovation and the anticipate removing the portables this year. The cafeteria is the next project and the play area would be relocated.

- Alternative Education

The master planning process is looking at moving adult education, Head Start and Pre-K into the old Port Salerno and old J. D. Parker.

- Challenger

The clinic would be the first priority. Site work improvement such as traffic congestion will be considered.

- Spectrum

This site has been in the 5-Year plan for some time and will continue to be part of the Master Planning process with the possibility of replacement. Mrs. Davis stated they have been bumped from the budget several times and asked if there is any remodeling that can be done at the current site in order to help staff out? Dr. Anderson asked if this is the actual location that will maintain the school and discussed land availability. He stated the district should look at another site for Spectrum and does not want to continue to place renovation fund into the school if it is going to be relocated. Mr. Osborne advised that as Master Planning progresses decisions would need to be made and heavy remodeling is expensive. Mrs. Davis stated she is not indicating heavy remodeling, simply moderate levels to make the site acceptable and Mr. Osborne agreed. Dr. Wilcox stated the major request is refurbishing their technology

department and there is a need for upgrades. Dr. Anderson reflected on past graduations and feels Spectrum should be given the same amount of attention.

- Ancillary Facilities

Mr. Osborne explained these would be considered last and are early estimates and are being planned for. He feels you can only put these projects off so long before they begin taking an effect on the overall performance of the district. He believes the Board would prefer to get school equity prior to ancillary upgrades; however feels these facilities have some major maintenance issues and in the near future will require upgrades for better utilization.

- Future School Siting

Funding is needed to provide for future land needs and they continue to look at short and long term growth and estimates a \$20,000,000 need. There is a limited availability of land.

3. Open to the Board

Mrs. Hershey voiced the immediate need to acquire land. Dr. Wilcox explained she asked to have the Capital Budget presented in this manner because often when you review the 5-Year plan you think you have covered all your needs when in reality you have not. This shows how extensive the needs in the district are especially with the older facilities.

Mrs. Hershey asked who would be responsible for the technology component for the Advanced Learning Center and was told that once the funds are provided from the legislature, the school would then be self sufficient based on FTE and number of students attending. The Boards must ensure there are funds set aside to refresh the technology and that it should be updated every three years.

There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIR (Vicki Davis)

SECRETARY (Sara A. Wilcox, Ph.D.)