



**Impact Fee Workshop Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.  
School Board Meeting Room  
Stuart, FL 34994**

**Members Present**

Laurie Gaylord-Chair  
Nancy Kline-Vice-Chair  
Dr. David Anderson  
Susan Hershey  
Lorie Shekailo  
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent  
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Ruth Pietruszewski, Cathleen Brennan, Rodger Osborne, Julie Sessa, Marshall Skinner, Linda King, Betty Hickox, Henry Salzler, Virginia Skinner

**Public**

Kathleen Breland, Bill Summers, Dr. James Nicholas, Lisa Rhodes, Richard Towne

**Press** PBPost – Rachel Simonsen      Stuart News- Kelly Tyko

**MCEA** – No representation                      **AFSCME** – No representation

*Call to order by the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.*

**1. Presentation and Discussion of Impact Fees (NO BACK-UP DOCUMENTATION WAS PROVIDED)**  
Dr. James Nicholas explained two different methodologies being used to compute impact fees. The one methodology was based on consumption, or what each one consumes. The other methodology was based on improvements, or what one needs. Counties have expressed interest in the improvement methodology, especially due to the need for roadways. Expansion caused by class size reduction and growth have posed problems with the impact fee methodologies. There seems to be a shifting to the improvement methodology because of SB 360. He reported that many counties had used sales tax to catch up. He stated that if we were perfect planners, both methodologies would give the same results; however, no one is perfect. He informed Board members that Martin County is currently reviewing their ordinance. Board members discussed the issue. It appeared that the pure improvement methodology tended to be higher, but this method eliminated the fair share proportionate mitigation involved in the process. The improvement model meshed better with concurrency. Sue Hershey conjectured that if all expenses were included in the impact fee, there would be no abstract, which would achieve a level playing field for the whole county. Professor Nicholas discussed the struggle with class size reduction and the movement towards an impact fee that reflected more of student station costs.

**2. Open to the Public**  
No one from the public requested to speak.

**3. Open to the Board**

Since there were two work shops scheduled before the Regular School Board meeting, Board members decided to do “Open to the Board” once this evening, and that would be at the Regular School Board meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)**

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