



Naming of Schools Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2007 – 5:00 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

Public

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

Press PBPPost – 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. Discussion of Naming of Schools (COPY ATTACHED) and Board Update on Centex Offer (COPY ATTACHED)

Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, reviewed the District's current policy and compared it against policies of a number of other districts in the state. He provided hand-outs of the district's current policy and included copies of other district's policies. Most school boards had used their own discretion and had used ideas from choosing names on geographical and historical significance to naming buildings on a case by case basis. Dr. David Anderson felt that the Board should always have oversight on naming facilities. Several times in the past, students had been allowed to choose the name. Board members discussed the confusion with naming the Dr. Anderson Middle School, because there was no SAC formed yet. Sue Hershey suggested that this topic be work shopped. Doug said that he needed direction from the Board to refine the current policy. Lorie Shekailo said it was so hard to anticipate every scenario. Doug stated that he felt he had enough direction to begin a draft. Sue Hershey voiced her opinion that she felt the Environmental Studies Center should have been named after James Navitsky. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox asked Sue if she would like that item added to the agenda for the next School Board meeting. Sue answered yes.

Julie Sessa, Director of Facilities, updated the School Board on the Centex offer. She presented a PowerPoint presentation. She compared figures generated by using the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's formula for figuring out what a developer should contribute to the costs of new schools with Centex's offer. When comparing the figures, Centex's offer was \$5.2 million less than the numbers figured by the recommended Treasure Coast Regional Council's formula. She explained how the comparison was calculated. Julie explained that impact fees are due and payable regardless of negotiations with the School Board. In the Centex offer, the land donation was not contingent upon Centex DRI approval. Julie informed Board members that a condition of the Centex offer was that if obligations imposed by the School Board in this agreement were greater than obligations imposed on other projects after the date of this agreement, determined by calculating obligation cost per housing unit, the School Board would agree to reduce the obligation set out in this agreement to be equitable with those approved for other developments. Staff will continue to negotiate with Centex to reach a common ground.

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2. Open to the Public

- Lisa Rhodes, Executive Director of the Education Foundation, brought forth an idea that originated from the foundation's Planned Giving Committee. She discussed an idea of accepting contributions for naming rights.
- Bill Summers complimented the School Board as a great educator. He provided hand-outs (COPY ATTACHED) with figures he obtained from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on Martin County cumulative DRI impacts. He explained that he felt Centex's sheet was not correct. He spoke with a realtor and determined that Centex had over-inflated the property value by at least \$75,000 per acre.

Doug Griffin interrupted Bill Summers because he had gone over his time limit. Bill Summers said he would finish his message at 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Regular School Board meeting.

- Kathleen Breland, Vice-President of Centex's Treasure Coast Division, thanked the Board and district staff for working on this so quickly. She said Centex is willing to work with the district on language that was proposed on the fairness issues and stated that Centex homes was looking to protect themselves just in case the whole structure changes. They wished to be locked into a payment method and not double pay. Centex will be increasing the taxable value of property in Indiantown. She discussed the CMB issue and letter of no objection.

Doug Griffin explained that the school district had provided data to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. He said the formulas were already in existence. He informed the Board that DCA is recommending a formula state-wide. Lorie Shekailo addressed the 2 mil funds. She reported that historically 90% of these funds had gone to renovation and repair, not new student stations.

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 6:12 p.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

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