

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MEETING: Special School Board Meeting
Impact Fees

DATE: November 30, 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: School Administration Building

PRESENT: Sue Dickinson, Chairman
Colleen Conklin, Vice-Chairman
Eddie Herrera, Member
Evelyn Shellenberger, Member
Dr. Robert L. Corley, Superintendent
Mike Chiumento, Board Attorney

ABSENT: Dr. James Guines, Member

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dickinson at 9:10 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Impact Fees: Dr. Corley stated that he had requested this meeting as a result of the activity that has been going on regarding impact fees. He stated that the Impact Fee Review Committee had met over a week ago, adding that Mrs. Conklin may wish to speak also. He stated that the Home Builders had engaged a consultant, and disagreed about whose number was right, and it became "dueling consultants." He stated that he has been trying to find a way to bring us together to find a solution so that we can get started. He stated that our proposed fee had been around \$4500 for a single-family home, and theirs had been \$2550. Dr. Corley added that in the early calculations we had felt that \$36-3700 would drive what we wanted to do. He stated that early motions by the members of the committee were not going anywhere, and there was concern that it would end in litigation. He stated that Mrs. Conklin had called for a recess, which allowed him to talk to Mr. Rinek, president of the HBA, to see if they could find a solution. He stated that he had proposed a compromise figure of \$3600 to Mr. Rinek with the understanding that he would have to bring it back to the School Board. He said that his board was present at the committee meeting, and came back with an offer of \$3,000, to which he had said no, then an offer of \$3,300 to

which he had also said no. Dr. Corley stated that we would come back in a year and look at it, and could adjust either way, but felt that this was where we needed to be. He stated that even though the HBA Board turned it down, that he and Mr. Rinek continued to talk. He stated that then Mrs. Conklin made a motion for \$3600, with a corresponding 79.8% applied to the mobile home and multifamily rates. Her motion was passed 5-1.

Dr. Corley stated that there was also a lot of discussion as to implementation dates, with us wanting January 1, the HBA wanting 90 days, and the committee recommending 60 days. He stated that we should begin to see money February 1. He added that Charles Rinek had stated that he would get his full Board together to see if they would be in agreement, and that they had met on the Monday following the committee meeting agreeing to move forward with the compromise agreement. He stated that if the Board agreed today, then he and Mr. Rinek will go to the podium at the Commission Meeting together. He added that it does not preclude an individual builder from challenging the fee, that anyone can challenge it. He stated that he felt that we would be ok monetarily with this number, and that a year from now when we look at it, we are not starting at zero.

Mrs. Conklin stated that the committee was anxious for a win/win, and she felt that it went very well at the end. She stated that she would highly recommend this number, that we felt at the beginning that this was the number we needed, and that the committee felt good with it as a starting number.

Impact Fees

Motion: (Mr. Herrera – Mrs. Conklin) The Board adopted Resolution #04/05-13, a new resolution to adopt impact fees based on the new amounts. The Resolution title was read into the minutes by Chairman Dickinson. (Copy in Supplemental Minutes.) The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member comments

Mrs. Conklin stated that she was really impressed with the way Dr. Corley had worked with the Home Builders Association at the meeting, that he had handled it really well. She stated that they will bring it to the Board of County Commissioners together, and that she appreciated what Dr. Corley did.

Mrs. Dickinson stated that she wished to set dates for the SCLSR trainings. The two days of training were set for January 19, 2005, and January 26, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Superintendent comments Dr. Corley stated that he wished to talk about one more item. He stated that he will have an item at the construction meeting asking to revise the budget for the new Grades 6-12 School. He stated that DOE has already reviewed and agreed, and that we will be getting an additional \$11 million from the State. He added that the appropriation is tied to two other schools, with problems similar to ours. He said the difference is they ignored the problem and we didn't, and the State is trying to fix Homosassa. He stated that we still will be going to litigation, and if we are successful, we will make money. Board Members commended him for this effort.

Gene Tanner added that at first we had a letter that indicated that they would not increase the amount, but that he and Dr. Corley would not accept that, so they started working to turn it to a yes. He stated that Gibraltar has been formally charged with several serious charges by the Board of Architects. He stated that we did what was right.

Mr. Herrera commented that we are fortunate to have a Superintendent with connections at DOE.

Dr. Corley stated that he had one more thing – that Mrs. Conklin had asked about cell phone bills. He stated that by next week we were expecting a proposal from a major carrier, that in exchange for placing towers on our sites, we will have a new rate plan and will make money. There was some discussion about the e-rate funding, with Tom Tant adding that we did not have it in the budget even though we have been getting it. If there are problems it will not impact the budget.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Approved 12/21/04

Susan Dickinson, Chairman

Robert L. Corley, Superintendent