

DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 20, 2003

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. Board members present were Chair Pj Grant, Debbie Meyers, Barry Mowell, Rebecca Orlando, John Pisula and Jim Tralewski. Also present were Vice-Mayor Susan Starkey (arrived 5:55 p.m.), and Janet Gale recording the meeting. Vice-Chair Kimberly Sereda, Joe Brown, Alice Harrington and Barbara Ann Tilley were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 9, 2003

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mowell, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2003. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harrington and Ms. Tilley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Enterprise Village – Richard Rosser of Junior Achievement

Mr. Rosser spoke of the fundamentals of Junior Achievement (JA) and its mission to have students understand the free enterprise system. He advised of JA's vision of the future which was the Enterprise Village and the Institute for Free Enterprise Education, its impact on students, the status of this project, and the action needed to go forward. Mr. Rosser provided historical information and explained the scope of these programs around the world. A film of the Saint Petersburg facility, Enterprise Village, was provided.

Mr. Rosser explained that additional benefits of eighth-graders who have completed this program were that they learned about the power of money and appreciated their parents. He indicated that it was JA's intent to have a dedicated facility consisting of two buildings, and explained the site plan and parking requirements. Mr. Rosser mentioned that other places interested in accommodating this facility were Deerfield Beach and Broward Community College, North Campus. He stated that Nova University was interested in being affiliated with the Davie location. Mr. Rosser answered questions of board members and spoke of the ways in which the Town could support this program which would be directed at fifth and eighth-grade students in Broward County. A brief discussion ensued regarding exploring this option and finding out all the aspects of this endeavor.

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mowell, to recommend that the Town's officials further investigate the prospect of bringing Enterprise Village and Finance Park within the confines of the Town. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harrington and Ms. Tilley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Mayor Starkey advised that she had attended discussions regarding the NN Middle School site at the Superintendent's Site Review Committee meeting. She explained the preferences which were one, Flamingo Road in Plantation; two, Hiatus Road in Plantation and the third location was at Imagination Farms in Davie. Vice-Mayor Starkey indicated that one of the reasons Davie was third choice was because of the "one road in and out". She spoke of other excuses given for the lower ranking and argued that they were invalid. Vice-Mayor Starkey explained where and how an alternate access could be located and she advised that plans for a bridge were in the design phase with the Florida Department of Transportation.

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Vice-Mayor Starkey spoke of the expected student population for western Davie and opined that the numbers were “critical” and that students would be more fragmented than ever. A discussion ensued regarding the various “voting blocks” for the elected school board officials. Vice-Mayor Starkey advised of the tri-party agreement for the Imagination Farms location which involved the Town, the developer, and the Broward County School Board. She concluded by stating that this may be the last opportunity for the Town to get a relief school in its district.

A discussion ensued regarding the site and Ms. Meyers advised that she and her neighbors in Ivanhoe were not in favor of this site. She expressed that despite studies, given the choice, she would not have her children go to school at that site. Ms. Meyers termed it as her “personal neurotic preference”. Chair Grant acknowledged that she had concerns regarding the access roads. Discussions continued regarding the proposed site and where students would go if the middle school was not located at Imagination Farms.

Mr. Tralewski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pisula, to recommend that Council vigorously pursue the Imagination Farms site. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harrington and Ms Tilley being absent, all voted in favor except Ms. Meyers who was opposed. **(Motion carried 5-1)**

Later in the meeting, Mr. Tralewski amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Pisula, to recommend that Council pursue the Imagination Farms site or another feasible site within the borders of the Town. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harrington and Ms Tilley being absent, all voted in favor except Ms. Meyers who was opposed. **(Motion carried 5-1)**

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Broward County School Board Activities

Chair Grant advised that she had attended the Western High School advisory forum and reported that they unanimously voted not to participate in the boundary process this year. The school was not capable of handling more than 100 additional students and, therefore, had to forgo the process. She also indicated that in so far as the principal was concerned, he had not been aware of a driver’s education program being offered at that school as had been indicated by Broward County School Board Member, Marty Rubenstein.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Pisula announced that the organization, Take Stock in Davie, would be awarding five full scholarships to Davie sixth graders.

Chair Grant advised that the school calendar had been “moved up” and school would begin August 16, 2004. She indicated that although this information was not final, it did pass the first reading.

Mr. Mowell announced that the director of the college academy which was a magnet public high school located on the Broward Community College campus in Davie, would be delighted to come and speak about the facility if the Board so desired.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orlando, to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Mr. Brown, Alice Harrington and Barbara Ann Tilley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member