

DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 23, 2004

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Board members present were Chair Pj Grant, Vice-Chair Kimberly Sereda (arrived 5:52 p.m.), Alice Harrington, Martin Kiar, Barry Mowell and Rebecca Orlando. Also present were Councilmember Judy Paul, Broward County Schools Liaison Fran Klauber and Janet Gale recording the meeting. Debbie Meyers, John Pisula and Barbara Ann Tilley were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2003
October 20, 2003

Ms. Harrington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mowell, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2003 and October 20, 2003. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Ms. Meyers, Mr. Pisula and Ms. Tilley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

3. OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Paul advised of a meeting she had with members of the Broward County School Board (School Board) which included the Town's staff members. She indicated that the Imagination Farms school site had been discussed and she related that the Deputy Superintendent advised her that the School Board was moving forward with closing on that site and intended to have a middle school on that site at some point in time. Councilmember Paul apprised the Board of other issues which had been discussed such as the funding which had been received to alleviate the traffic problems on Davie Road at the Nova complex; and that the School Board was working with the Town to have a student crossing traffic light installed at the intersection of Dykes Road and Stirling Road for the Hawke's Bluff Elementary School.

Chair Grant recalled that the Town Council had addressed the Oak Scholar Charter School and Councilmember Paul clarified that Council had approved the plat application with certain conditions and she elaborated on the terms. A brief discussion ensued regarding the school.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Broward County School Board Activities

Nothing more was added to what Councilmember Paul had reported earlier.

4.2 Prepare Annual Report

Chair Grant distinctly listed the Board's activities and invited input to complete the report. Discussed were the Children Services Council and/or United Way; the Nova Schools concept issue; presentations by Mr. Rubenstein in support of implementing advanced technology in schools and by Junior Achievement regarding the prospect of building Enterprise Village and/or Finance Park in the Town; pursuit of Imagination Farms as a middle school site; and the monitoring of the School Board activities.

Chair Grant suggested that since there were many new members on board, goal setting should be reconsidered. Councilmember Paul elaborated on the possibilities of working with the Child Safety Board and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee on issues that overlap the education of all residents. She spoke of reintroducing "Student Government Day" into

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several schools and in cooperation with Council. Mentoring programs were also discussed, specifically regarding reading. Ms. Klauber offered assistance in that capacity.

Mr. Kiar expressed his concerns regarding the State Legislature's consideration of using \$60,000,000 of revenue from Broward County to fund the educational needs of the State's northern school districts. Councilmember Paul suggested that if any Board members were aware of a pressing issue and had researched that issue and had all the backup information, it could be presented to Council with the request that a resolution be made and be sent to the appropriate authority. Ms. Klauber and Vice-Chair Sereda believed that Mr. Kiar was speaking of the "district cost differential" and Vice-Chair Sereda indicated that it had been the School Board's platform to oppose the district cost differential. She also provided information on how to express opposition individually or collectively on the Web regarding any Legislative actions or State Bills.

Ms. Orlando recalled that the Board had considered the issue of after-school care for middle school students last year, and that the issue had not been resolved. She wondered if it was worthwhile pursuing. Ms. Sereda indicated that she had spoken with Indian Ridge Middle School Principal Zagari who had advised her that the first step would be to determine if there was a need for this program at the middle school. She expressed that the program would not be run from the middle school because of several issues; however, there were other places within the Town to run this program and the issue would then be transportation. Ms. Klauber suggested inviting Mr. Zagari to a Board meeting for his input.

Vice-Chair Sereda advised that School Board hearings on boundaries was scheduled for two nights, February 24th and 25th, at Plantation High School, the first meeting on elementary schools and the second meeting would be middle and high schools.

Chair Grant asked the Board if it would prefer to meet at 6 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair Sereda made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mowell, to change the meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In a voice vote, with Ms. Meyers, Mr. Pisula and Ms. Tilley being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Chair Grant advised that she intended to retire from the Board effective immediately. She indicated that it had been a pleasure to serve as Councilmember Paul's appointment.

Mr. Mowell apprised the Board that one week each November was "International Education Week" whereupon students from other countries who were attending Broward Community College, could make presentations at various schools if the Town wished to coordinate such a program. Councilmember Paul advised Mr. Mowell of the Diversity Day event which would take place at Robbins Park on April 24th, and provided him with Special Projects Director Bonnie Stafiej's phone number.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member