

## **SCHOOL PLANNING ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

There was a meeting of the School Planning Elected Officials Oversight Committee (EOOC) on **Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM** in Room B1-501, Building B, of the County Administration Complex, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

### **Members present**

**Chairman Brian Foley** (for Debbie Peniston), Town of Indian River Shores  
**Jason Jeffries** (for Val Zudans), City of Vero Beach Planning and Development Director  
**Linda Kinchen** (for Jim Hill), Sebastian City Council  
**Jessica Salgado**, Fellsmere City Council  
**Bob Solari**, Indian River County Board of County Commissioners  
**Laura Zorc**, School Board, School District of Indian River County (SDIRC)

### **Members absent**

**Susan Adams**, TCRPC (excused due to TCRPC conflict)

### **Others present**

**Roland DeBlois**, Indian River County, Interim Community Development Director  
**John McCoy**, IRC Chief of Current Development  
**Bill Schutt**, IRC Chief of Long-Range Planning  
**Michelle Simons**, Facilities Specialist, SDIRC  
**Nick Westenberger**, Director of Facilities, SDIRC  
**Mark Mathes**, Fellsmere Interim City manager  
**Ed Offutt**, Recording Secretary

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### **Call to Order**

(11:02 AM) Mr. DeBlois called the meeting to order, noting that a quorum was reached with six voting members in attendance.

### **Election of the Chairman**

**(11:05 AM) ON MOTION BY Mr. Solari, SECONDED BY Ms. Zorc, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to elect Mr. Foley as Chairman.**

### **Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2017, and July 6, 2018**

**(11:07 AM) ON MOTION BY Mr. Solari, SECONDED BY Ms. Kinchen, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to simultaneously approve the Minutes of both July 6, 2017, and July 6, 2018, as presented.**

### **Overview of Public School Planning Activities during the 2018/2019 Period**

(11:09 AM) Mr. DeBlois provided an overview of the EOOC's role in the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning; he then gave a broad outline of the current state of local schools from the county's perspective. Mr. DeBlois noted that no school-capacity-producing changes have been considered, and that Sebastian River Middle School (SRMS) was the current focus of school expansion and improvement efforts. He also mentioned that the county is working with a

consultant to study school impact fee rates, considering whether the fees should be continued as they currently exist or changed.

### **Review of Draft Annual School Concurrency Assessment Report for 2018/2019**

(11:13 AM) Mr. Westenberger gave an update on the school district's capital projects, specifying the emphasis on security improvements and general maintenance. (See Attachment 1 for the slides used during Mr. Westenberger's presentation.) He specifically mentioned that security enhancements include single point of entry modifications, card access readers, and perimeter fencing. He added that this effort has been in-work since 2013 and was not motivated by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting in February of 2018; however, he described how improved safety and security is a multi-year process and will not happen immediately. Mr. Westenberger reviewed some specific summer projects for 2019 (see slide 4 of Attachment 1) and reported that funds for the five-year capital plan had currently stabilized along with property values. He closed his formal presentation by saying that with flat enrollment, no new capacity is currently required.

(11:20 AM) Mr. Solari asked how impact fees could be used to build the expansion at SRMS. Mr. Schutt answered that, when replacing portable units, the capacity of the portables is not counted as current school capacity, so impact fees can be used for the expansion. Ms. Zorc specified that the quantity of students moving from the 12 county elementary schools into only four middle schools was causing the shortfalls. Mr. Solari clarified that cumulative capacity within the school district was not the problem; rather, it is that the available capacity is not where the SDIRC wants it.

**(11:23 AM) ON MOTION BY Mr. Solari, SECONDED BY Ms. Zorc, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to accept the consensus report, as written.**

### **Other Matters from Members**

(11:23 AM) There were none.

### **Matters and Comments from the Public**

(11:24 AM) Mr. Mathes asked about Fellsmere Elementary, in particular whether the school was in fact close to capacity, and how the school choice program worked in regard to schools as they approach capacity. Ms. Zorc answered that there was still capacity for an additional 220 students at Fellsmere Elementary. Mr. Mathes asked for clarification that, if the school reached 90% capacity, then students attending on the school choice program would be required to return to their zoned schools. Several members of the EOOO confirmed his statement.

(11:28 AM) Mr. Solari inquired as to whether the new Somerset Charter School near Pointe West and the expanding Glendale Baptist School could be expected to relieve some capacity concerns, and Mr. Westenberger agreed this was probably true. Ms. Zorc added that some of the more full south county schools will seek to move their kids to Somerset and Glendale. Mr. Jeffries asked about capacity issues at Vero Beach High, but Mr. Westenberger stated that the new growth in population was not bringing students into the school district. Mr. Solari mentioned that the City of Vero Beach was a classic example of this, as within the city limits there is considerable tearing down of older homes and subsequent reconstruction, resulting in no actual population growth. Mr. Jeffries highlighted the new development on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, a 55-unit complex that could attract

retirees or younger families with children. Ms. Zorc expressed enthusiasm for charter schools and the options local families had in choosing the right schools for their kids.

### **Adjournment**

(11:35 AM) There being no further business, Chairman Foley adjourned the meeting.

### **Attachment**

1. Capital Projects Update presented to Elected Officials Oversight Committee, July 19, 2019 (N. Westenberger)



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## **CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

**PRESENTED TO:**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**July 19, 2019**

**11AM**

**Indian River County**

**Conference Room B1-501**



# PROJECT UPDATE

- SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS
- ON-GOING AND SUMMER PROJECTS

# SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS DISTRICTWIDE



- Focus is being placed on Security Enhancements districtwide.
- Security Enhancement Projects in the 5 Year Capital Plan consist of perimeter fencing, single point of entry, access control and security cameras.
- Security measures are being addressed based on security audit findings.

# **MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS**

## 2019 On-Going & Summer Projects

- ❑ Access Control – Various Sites
- ❑ Dodgertown Roof Replacements
- ❑ Pelican Island Cafeteria Settlement
- ❑ Rosewood Roof Replacements
- ❑ Sebastian Elementary Chiller Replacement
- ❑ Sebastian River High School Stadium Locker Room
- ❑ Sebastian River High School Fire Alarm Replacement
- ❑ Single Point of Entry – Various Sites
- ❑ Wabasso HVAC Renovations

# FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN



- The School District's capital budget has somewhat stabilized due to the stabilization of property values in Indian River County.
- The new Five Year Capital Outlay Plan (2020-2024) budget is currently being developed.
- Funding is available for debt service, health & safety, ongoing maintenance and campus security enhancements.

# **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (CONT'D)**



- We expect to see continued flat enrollment.
- We will have sufficient capacity in the school district such that no new capacity will be required in the short term.
- The primary emphasis for the current five year plan is to upgrade school campus security infrastructure districtwide.



# QUESTIONS

