

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING STAFF WORKING GROUP**

The Indian River County Public School Planning Staff Working Group (PSPSWG) met on Friday, February 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A1-411, County Administration Building "A" of the County Administration Building, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Those Present included: **Stan Boling**, Director, IRC Community Development Department; **Robert Stabe**, Town Manager, Town of Indian River Shores; **Dorri Bosworth**, City of Sebastian; **Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Nick Westenberger**, School District Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, and ; **Cheri Fitzgerald for Timothy McGarry** via Conference Call, City of Vero Beach.

Staff Present included: **Phil Matson**, MPO Staff Director, **Michelle Simons**, Indian River County School District and; **Lisa Hill**, Recording Secretary, Commissioner Assistant.

Call to Order

Mr. Stan Boling, IRC Community Development Director, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at which time it was determined there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2016

ON MOTION by Mr. Westenberger, SECONDED by Mr. Stabe, the Minutes of March 17, 2016, were unanimously (5-0) approved as presented.

Review of Draft Annual School Concurrency Assessment Report for 2016-2017

Mr. Boling reviewed the Draft Annual School Concurrency Assessment Report for 2016-2017. The full Draft report is filed and available at the Board of County Commissions. Highlighted discussion items included:

- Mr. Boling reviewed the concurrency report which indicates that Vero Beach High is very close to capacity, but that the adjacent Sebastian River High service area has sufficient capacity to cover the overall needs of the County with respect to high school concurrency capacity.
- Ms. Bosworth questioned how capacity can be met through utilizing other school's capacity. Mr. Boling stated that the service area or attendance zone could be changed, temporary capacity such as portables could be added and then additional permanent capacity can be planned in the future. The report provides notice that there may be capacity issues in the near future.
- Ms. Bosworth asked how the new legislation that allows for the transferring of students across jurisdiction lines would be taken into account related to capacity. It was noted that the legislation will be implemented with the 2017/18 school year and there is some expectation that there will be requests from the Grant, Micco or Palm Bay area for students that may want to come to high school in Indian River County. The group determined that information

on any out-of-jurisdiction transfers would be monitored to be identified in the next report. [NOTE: On February 16, 2017, information on the recently adopted Indian River County School District Policy on school choice was forwarded to staff working group members; copy attached.]

- There was discussion on the impact fees and the collection of same on the ability to provide school capacity funding, especially in regard to the out-of-jurisdiction student transfer impacts.
- Potential new developments were discussed for all areas of the County to determine any impact on school demand and capacity. Mr. Boling advised that there has been a population growth in the County and that development has increased, but much of the population growth has come from development on pre-existing lots. Mr. Matson presented an analysis of the growing geographic sub-areas of the County's existing vacant parcels model and a map, which shows where growth is projected to occur over the next five years. The model does not specifically show growth in just school children, but for the population as a whole.
- Ms. Simons reported on the enrollment data of the schools. She indicated that the overall enrollment has remained the same as the previous year. Vero Beach Elementary and middle schools are heavily enrolled, but the overall enrollment for the County remains flat.

Update on School Projects

Mr. Matson noted that discussions regarding impact fees will be forthcoming and input will be needed from the school district.

Capacity projects were discussed, including the demolition and reconstruction at Beachland Elementary, which includes a new cafeteria and a new, two-story wing, HVAC, roofing and other similar projects, do not specifically add capacity, but allow for the continued use of facilities.

Non-Capacity projects were also discussed and includes school buses, cafeteria improvements and other non-classroom functions which impact students.

Mr. Nunemaker asked about the potential for sidewalks and parking. Mr. Westenberger explained that there are grant-funded projects that provide safe routes to school. Ms. Bosworth asked if impact fees could be used to provide funding for safe routes to schools projects. Mr. Boling stated that a case could be made for use of the impact fees if it can be tied to growth, however, the school district has used the conservative approach using school impact fees only for new, permanent student stations.

Mr. Nunemaker discussed having developers provide mitigation and put in sidewalks to schools.

Others Matters

No other matters were discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.