

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY
JOINT WORK SESSION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003**

The School Board of Manatee County met in joint work session with the Board of County Commission of Manatee County at the Longboat Key Room, Manatee Convention & Civic Center, One Haben Boulevard, Palmetto, on Monday, December 1, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Members present: Larry Simmons, Chairman, Frank Brunner, Barbara A. Harvey, Harry G. Kinnan, and Walter E. Miller. Also present: Dr. Roger Dearing, Superintendent.

Members of the Board of County Commission present: Jonathan Bruce, Chairman, Patricia M. Glass, Joe McClash, Amy Stein, Ron Getman, and Jane von Hahmann. Member absent: Commissioner Gwendolyn Brown. Also present: Ernie Padgett, County Administrator.

The purpose of the meeting was regarding Construction as a Planned Development Code Amendment.

OPENING COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Following introductions all representatives, Superintendent Dearing made opening comments. He noted that when those areas dealing with the growth process have overlapped, staff's areas of responsibilities more and more overlap with one another. Therefore, this workshop was requested in response to the Board of County Commission's (BOCC) proposed ordinance 03-49, which deals with Planned Development Public Interest (PDPI), and to have further discussions about the overlapping areas of responsibility

REVIEW OF CURRENT COUNTY REVIEW PROCESS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AT EACH LEVEL - ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Dearing reviewed the current process as follows:

Section 603.6.3 & 4 (All schools are currently considered "P")*

Elementary Schools	- Administrative Permit Process
Middle Schools	- Special Permit Process / Hearing Officer
High Schools	- Special Permit Process / Hearing Officer and Planned Development Process

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS THAT MAY EXIST DUE TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Dr. Dearing said that the School Board asked for this joint workshop so that any issues or currently concerns that exist with the current process could be brought to the table in an effort to try to prevent timelines delays, and in working with two different boards to carry out the public process, hearing officer process, etc. He pointed out that in a booklet prepared by Mr. Padgett regarding F.S. 1013.33 regarding current joint agreement for planned growth; a portion of the booklet says this section does not prohibit the county and school district from adopting an Interlocal Agreement. Dr. Dearing pointed out that since the Interlocal Agreement already exists, he is hoping that mutually agreed upon guidelines would work out an alternative process that would be beneficial and workable for both boards and staffs.

MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENT AT EACH LEVEL - ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Dearing sought input with regard to current complaints or areas of concern.

Mr. Bruce said the main issue appears to him to be pedestrian access and vehicular traffic being underestimated for pick up and drop off at school sites. He said it seems that the current model does not work, and he will support whatever process works well to deal with between the two entities.

Mrs. Glass said there has historically been a lot of jumping of the gun in reaction to situations. She said she hopes to stop the talk about an ordinance to govern the schools, but rather, any time a plan will have an impact on the other entity another, to sit down together and talk about it. She pointed out that we already have an Interlocal Agreement to refer to.

Ms. Stein said when there is no site specific selection coordination, the County suffers later on for retrofit solutions

Mr. McClash said the most important issue to him is two-mile radius transportation. He indicated there are severe safety issues involving school growth and construction, for which he would like to have the input legally that the BOCC has some type of say, or to work out a simple process so that the School Board does not have the planning commission involved. He stressed his commitment for the BOCC to work better with the School Board to improve, not to hold up, the process.

Ms. von Hahmann said she feels the major problems are those involving transportation, pedestrian & vehicular issues. She emphasized the need for the School Board to have a say in the County's planning and development process regarding school construction.

Mr. Brunner said the school district is undergoing an aggressive construction campaign underway, yet the new building code is the most stringent for school facilities. He explained that hurricane hardening of facilities, the Class Size Reduction amendment, and burdens from state level and SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) all pose additional impacts on school construction. He expressed the School Board's intention to work with the BOCC to clearly identify where money will come from, and each entity's role in the process.

Mr. Bruce suggested as a compromised way of working together, prior to every school being approved by the School Board the two groups should have a workshop, lay out the school district's plans, and gain input from the BOCC. He clarified that if the BOCC is out of the loop they are not as informed as they should be. He said if this proposed process does not work, the two entities can switch over to the planned development process down the road.

Mr. Miller praised both boards for positive gains in the development process.

Mr. Kinnan said the School Board receives a lot of questions about public parks, and it would be helpful for School Board Members to receive that kind of information from the BOCC.

Mrs. Harvey spoke in support of the school district and county working more closely together to address joint issues. She said although Carol Clarke and Mike Pendley (Planners) meet quite often to address these various issues, it might be helpful to put the County's large projects on the table, which basically drive our schools and where we are going with construction. She explained that as we look at the approval of multi-dwelling or larger projects, it would be to the School Board's advantage to know where those students eventually plan on going to schools, to address transportation, and other needs. She suggested a quarterly meeting to look where the County's large projects are going, and what schools the School Board is planning.

DISCUSSION OF CONDITIONAL APPROVAL STANDARDS (DRAFT)

Superintendent Dearing advocated meeting in joint workshops, such as this setting, when planning for schools construction and replacement schools. He suggested Mr. Pendley and Ms. Clarke work together to provide a template for conditional approval standards. Then, when the site selection process is narrowed down to the point of three

sites, a School Board and BOCC member could meet and review the plan. He reviewed the proposed plan:

Proposed for Consideration:

- Elementary Schools
 - Joint Board of County Commission (BOCC) / Manatee County School Board (MCSB) Workshop with both staffs present to review all issues and express concerns.
 - BOCC/MCSB staffs cooperate to address any remaining issues not resolved in Joint Workshops.
 - Administrative Permit Process
- Middle Schools
 - Joint Board of County Commission (BOCC) / Manatee County School Board (MCSB) Workshop with both staffs present to review all issues and express concerns.
 - BOCC/MCSB staffs cooperate to address any remaining issues not resolved in Joint Workshops.
 - Finally, Special Permit Process / Hearing Officer to issue the Final Order.
- High Schools
 - Joint Board of County Commission (BOCC) / Manatee County School Board (MCSB) Workshop with both staffs present to review all issues and express concerns.
 - BOCC/MCSB staffs cooperate to address any remaining issues not resolved in Joint Workshops.
 - Special Permit Process / Hearing Officer and Planned Development Process
- Other Educational Facilities
 - Joint Board of County Commission (BOCC) / Manatee County School Board (MCSB) Workshop with both staffs present to review all issues and express concerns.
 - BOCC/MCSB staffs cooperate to address any remaining issues not resolved in Joint Workshops.
 - Administrative Permit Process

A Site Selection Committee consisting of one County Commissioner and one School Board Member, along with selected staff from both organizations will be involved and informed during the short-list process of site selection for school facilities.

SUGGESTIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. McClash spoke in support of Dr. Dearing's suggestions, and recommended a modification of the Interlocal agreement to incorporate them, which would resolve the County's critical issues.

Mr. Getman requested that Mr. Pendley and Ms. Clarke add recreational facilities, or neighborhood utilization of facilities to the template.

Mr. Brunner said both Boards would need to ratify this document at their next business meetings.

Dr. Dearing said the County's site selection committee designee would also have to be voted on. He said if the School Board Attorney and County Attorneys would get together and print what both entities have agreed upon, the language could become an addendum to the current Interlocal Agreement.

Mrs. Harvey said she wanted to be sure everyone has an understanding that this process will not extend planning to the point where we miss the opening date of school when planning school construction projects.

Mark Barnebey, School Board Attorney, acknowledged that the process and timeline would not be significantly different that the current one.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Padgett said he and Dr. Dearing have been talking about this issue for quite some time, and it makes sense. He pointed out that there seems to be consensus among this group and staff to proceed; if it does not work, we can all get back together and re-do it.

Mr. Simmons requested the attorneys finalize the template for the Boards by early January.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Simmons adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Dr. Roger Dearing, Ex Officio Secretary
and Superintendent of Schools

Larry Simmons, Chairman