

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 26, 2014, at 10:20 a.m. The discussion was held immediately following the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Administrative Center at the Support Services Complex at 6055 62nd Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Carol Johnson, Vice Chairman Matthew McCain, and Board Members: Claudia Jiménez, Karen Disney-Brombach, and Dale Simchick. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

66th Avenue Property Discussion Session Minutes

I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman Johnson

II. Purpose of the Discussion Session – Dr. Adams

Dr. Adams said that the purpose of the discussion was to share with School Board Members the “draft” plans for the Administrative Center. She said that this was the building that would be built on the property located at the corner of 57th Street, West of 64th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967. The Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on the site just prior to the discussion session.

Mr. Donadio from Donadio & Associates, Architects, P.A., presented the building plans. The first floor included 24,708 square feet that included the Board Offices, Training Center, Conference/Lunch Room, Finance Department, Human Resources, and Information Technology. The second floor included 10,066 square feet that included the Superintendent’s Office space and the Curriculum Department. The total square footage was 34,774 square feet. It was mentioned that by State standards, the building could have been built for 39,875 square feet. Direction from the Board resulted in utilizing available space at the Support Services Complex for staff currently housed at different locations throughout the County, in order to build only what was necessary.

Board Members asked questions about the location of the departments to ensure that the departments that had the most public visitors were located on the first floor and asked about the location of the Board Attorney’s Office space. Also discussed were records storage space, building security, Pre-K testing area, Attendance Office, ESE Offices, and Health Services that were being relocated to the existing Support Services Building that was walking distance to the new Administrative Center.

Mr. Donadio presented the exterior of the building that would aesthetically coordinate with the existing middle school. He said that the facility would be visible from 66th Avenue and that signs would be installed. Board Members requested to receive a drawing that would show how the building would look on the property, with the parking areas and existing hardwood specimen trees. Mr. Sanders said that they would tie off all of the trees to be saved. He said that the wooded areas would remain as a park-like setting on the property site.

Mr. Sanders said that the first step of the timeline was Phase I for the GMP that was anticipated for Board approval the end of September 2014. Phase II GMP for the building was anticipated to be available for the first meeting in November 2014. Mr. Sanders said that the project should take between ten and twelve months to complete once the contracts were in place. It was noted that, realistically, the completion date would not occur until after July 1, 2015.

Mr. Green, in answer to a question on securing the existing School District's Data Control Systems, said that he was working with a vendor now to see what could be done to secure the computer equipment until they were able to move into the new facility.

III. Adjournment – Chairman Johnson

In closing, Dr. Adams thanked the Board for boldly moving forward with the plan.

With no further business, the discussion session adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m.