

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Indian River County Commission Chambers at 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. 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.

Special Public Meeting on Impact Fees Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson.
Chairman Johnson thanked the County Commission for the opportunity to come before them in the Commission Chambers and for requesting further information.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Chairman Johnson
Chairman Johnson requested the audience to stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. Mr. McCain led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. Purpose of the Meeting – Chairman Johnson
Dr. Adams introduced her staff. Chairman Johnson said that the purpose of the meeting was to give more in-depth information in answer to questions from the Board of County Commissioners.
- IV. Address by County Commission Attorney – Mr. Reingold, Esq.
Mr. Reingold said that before getting into a discussion on residential impact fees he wanted to clarify some of the issues that came up at the meeting in June. His three points of reference were: Could you charge school impact fees? What was your staff recommendations based on need (policy question)? And, more in-depth information to justify the need for additional classroom seats and how the fees would be spent.
- V. Presentation by School District Staff - Mr. Morrison/Mr. Sanders
Mr. Morrison presented a PowerPoint that included the timeline (history), information from the County impact fee consultants, history of impact fee collections, projects partially funded with impact fees, and projected growth based on building permits that included locations and maps. Mr. Sanders talked about the projects that were partially funded with impact fees and future projects scheduled that included partial funding from impact fees. Mr. Morrison discussed projected growth.

In conclusion, Mr. Morrison made the following statements:

- Impact fees placed the burden of expansion on new residents instead of existing residents and taxpayers who had already paid their fair share of impact fees.
- If impact fees were suspended and growth did occur; then, the school Board would have to borrow money to pay for growth. The District had been heavily criticized in the past for borrowing.
- Impact fees would keep pace with growth, one permit at a time.
- If growth did not occur, impact fees would not be collected.

Tindale Oliver, Consultants hired by the County Commission, spoke to questions related to school capacity and student stations. They said that their report did not include areas such as exceptional student education classes that required much smaller classroom capacities. Tindale Oliver also stated that the capacity report did not include portables or private/charter schools. Their research included the use of the FISH Report. There was a discussion regarding the difference between calculating the capacity at a jail or fire station and the capacity at a school facility.

Board Members and County Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and receive responses.

VI. Public Discussion – Chairman Johnson

The public was invited to address the issue. Two members of the public requested to speak. Board Members responded to questions and statements.

Tindale Oliver, Dr. Adams, Mr. Morrison, and Mrs. D’Agresta responded to questions from County Commissioners and the public.

Chairman Johnson recess the meeting at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

The discussion on school impact fees continued.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of School District’s Position on School Impact Fees – Chairman Johnson

Approval to send a letter from the School Board to request that the Indian River County Commission allow the continued collection of School Impact Fees at the rate recommended by the Commission consultants Tindale Oliver. Superintendent recommended approval.

For the record, Chairman Johnson asked Ms. Nilgün Kamp, from Tindale Oliver, to state for the record the recommended 2014 affordable growth amounts for School Impact Fees. Ms. Kamp stated figures from page 11 of the PowerPoint that for a single family home the amount would be \$1,702.00; for a multi-family home the amount would be \$668.00; and for a mobile home the amount would be \$1,026.00. For the record, Chairman Johnson asked Tindale Oliver to state the current impact fee rates. Ms. Kamp stated figures from page 11 of the PowerPoint that for a single family home the amount was \$1,756; for a multi-family home the amount was \$500.00; and for a mobile home the amount was \$623.00. Chairman Johnson asked the County if any developers had voiced opposition to the figures. The County responded that they had not received any opposition to the proposed fees. Dr. Adams spoke briefly about the proposed recommendation before the Board.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval to send a letter from the School Board to request that the Indian River County Commission allow the continued collection of School Impact Fees at the rate recommended by the County Consultants, Tindale Oliver. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members were given an opportunity to summarize their positions on the motion. Chairman Johnson thanked the County Commissioners. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with a 5-0 vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:18 p.m.