

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO MEET WITH ALL APPROPRIATE PARTIES TO FORMULATE A DRAFT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BENEFIT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD PROPER

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

At the School Board workshop held earlier this morning on the possible creation of an Educational Facilities Benefit District (EFBD) in the City of Homestead proper, the School Board discussed a number of related issues, which included the following:

1. The need for the EFBD proponents to immediately address concerns raised by the UTD in its written request;
2. Clarification of EFBD governance issues, specifically as to the extent of School Board participation and input;
3. Ownership of the land to be donated by the EFBD proponents as well as ownership of the school facilities that would be built under the EFBD;
4. Operation of the proposed schools, i.e. the EFBD proposal presently provides for operation of one of the schools as a traditional public school, and operation of the other two schools as charters with the right of first refusal afforded to the School Board for provision of educational and operational support;
5. The need to meet the School District's goal to achieve diversity under the unitary status provisions, and related impacts on attendance boundary considerations for schools built within and under the provisions of the EFBD;
6. The need to address the impact of the proposed residential development(s) located within the proposed EFBD at the high school level, since all three proposed schools only address projected needs at the elementary and middle school levels;
7. The need to possibly amend the present interlocal agreement with Miami-Dade County governing impact fees, specifically as it relates to the impact of the proposed EFBD on collections and allocation of impact fees within the East Benefit District, within which all proposed EFBD development would fall.

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Following deliberations and extensive input from all participants, the School Board authorized the Superintendent to revise Item A-7 scheduled for consideration at today's meeting, such that the Superintendent and School Board Attorney would be authorized to move forward with the formulation of an interlocal agreement between all potentially affected parties. This agreement would address the questions and concerns specifically enumerated above, as well as related financing, educational and operational issues, for consideration by the School Board at a future meeting.

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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to:

1. meet with all appropriate parties involved in the creation of the proposed EFBD in the City of Homestead proper, and to formulate an interlocal agreement that will address the questions and concerns noted at today's School Board workshop, and specifically enumerated above; and
2. submit to the School Board at the soonest practicable future meeting a draft of the proposed interlocal agreement for School Board consideration.