

**DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL VIRTUAL (ZOOM) MEETING**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

The virtual meeting of the School Board of Alachua County’s District Advisory Council (DAC) was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Eileen Roy, Tristin Ballentine, Bart Birdsall, Adam Boukari, Cynthia Chestnut, Dwan Courtney, Julie Crosby, Maria Cunha, Cynthia Fields, Janet Gil, Cindy Holmes, Isaac Jones, Kathleen Larimer, Sue Legg, Shari Mack, Eliscia Mosley, Lynda Reinhart, Heather Surrency, Kimberly Taylor, and Mary Williams.

District members present: Superintendent Karen Clarke, Public Information Officer Jackie Johnson, Staff Attorney Brian Moore, Executive Director of ESE/SS Donna Kidwell, School Board member Leanetta McNealy, School Board member Tina Certain, Director of Transportation Reginald Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul White, Executive Director Jennifer Wise, Director of FTE/State Reporting/Student Assignment Kim Neal, Suzanne Wynn, Deputy Superintendent Donna Jones, Director of Educational Equity and Outreach Valerie Freeman and John Gilreath.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS                      Board Chair, Mrs. Eileen Roy, welcomed all. Introductions were made by members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES                      Moved by      Adam Boukari                      Seconded by Eliscia Mosley

Moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020, DAC meeting with corrections.

The question was called.                      Motion passed: Unanimous

REZONING UPDATE  
D. R. M. P.

Mr. John Gilreath presented a power point addressing the following:

- School “I” Overview
- Elementary Student Capacity
- Planning Considerations
- Current and Planned Construction
- Introduction of Iterations

GROUP DISCUSSION

Committee question and answers were as follows:

- In the racial compositions presented, are head start students included? Anyone attending a public school that year was counted (K-5), not sure if head start was included.
- What is the ideal number of students in an elementary school? The school capacity is designed for 900. The intention is not to completely fill it up to that number.
- What is the difference/benefit between iteration 9 over 8? It is an issue of diversity for the Meadowbrook School.
- How do you quantify, in an objective way, the community input in this process? The plan is to use technology. Comments are documented. These are open and

public records. This will be the board's decision. They will be given a recommendation based on input, but it will ultimately be their decision.

- Staff Attorney Brian Moore explained the legal ramifications to be considered.
- A committee member asked for the public input to be quantified, even if the suggestions are not reasonable.
- Will there be only three options? No, this is just the starting point.
- What is the timeline for public comment? Along with the citizen emails, there will be eight school meetings, one district meeting, the DAC meeting, and input from the previous board meeting. In December, the plan is to bring back all of this information for the board workshop. The first reading, which would become policy, will take place at the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. A public hearing will take place at the January board meeting. Ideally, the second reading for adoption would take place at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. This coincides with magnet applications, school choice applications, and it comes in before the district starts the allocation process. Transportation will need this information for planning. Once all of the zones are determined, all of the back end work will need to take place in Skyward. Individual school paths will need to be adjusted for those with addresses affected. New student online enrollment is defaulted by school path. This all needs to be completed before new online enrollment can begin.
- There is a timeline of starting the school in 2021.
- Concurrency zones were explained. Planning has to be for 5-10 years down the road.
- Member asked Mr. Gilreath for a chart that would show this is what we have now showing race and capacity percentages and this is what we will have if we do this.
- Mr. Moore reminded committee members that this was 2018-2019 data. This data is not perfect.
- Mr. Moore announced that the district will have a Rule Development workshop on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This meeting is designed for the public to be able to interact with the staff and ask questions. Some members were concerned with the time of the meeting.
- School based meetings will be at a later date. Member asked for in-person meetings. Mr. Moore explained safety of students is most important.
- He further explained there will be many opportunities.
- Member asked that people be informed about the other times.
- Another member asked for larger maps.
- When Mr. Gilreath was asked about the projection of zoned schools, he said they have to look at what could happen. The numbers could be higher. Some maps show who actually attends.
- Concern was noted about the emphasis on maximum numbers.
- Some questions were raised regarding zoning lines.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was not discussed; however, an email will be sent out to members by Mrs. Jackie Johnson when determined.

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 6:18 p.m.