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**WORKSHOP**

**DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2007**  
**LOCATION: KCW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**TOPICS: -HIGH SCHOOL "MMM"**

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The Superintendent of Schools opened the discussion with the School Board with a chronological background to explain what has occurred since March 2007, on the search for land to build the new high school. The Superintendent also stated that the District is now looking at two smaller sites that might be another solution.

Staff reviewed the two previously discussed sites presented at the October 9, 2007 Workshop: 36<sup>th</sup> Street (Bergeron & Hayes-45 Acres) and the Bonaventure Golf Course, giving their pros and cons.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Street site, after due diligence was completed, determined that 15 acres of this property were not needed to build on, which left 30 acres for the school. There is concern regarding the access road to this site. There is no secondary access. The City of Weston supports this site.

The Bonaventure Golf Course, after preliminary soil samples were taken, was found to have a presence of arsenic at levels that exceeded Soil Cleanup Target Levels. This would have an effect on the site preparation costs. Groundwater samples also indicated levels of arsenic. The residential community did not support this site for a high school.

The two new sites presented are located in the City of Davie. One located at Flamingo Road and Orange Drive and the other at South Flamingo Road and 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The City of Davie has some concerns regarding the building of a high school at this time. The Flamingo & Orange location is suited to handle expected traffic but is a smaller piece of property at 27.5 acres and would require a more compact school model. The property is undeveloped and overgrown and would require rezoning and going through the plat process. This property is 27.5+ acres.

The South Flamingo Road and 26<sup>th</sup> Street Site has access from three roads, 26<sup>th</sup> Street, SW 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Frontage Road. This site would have to be rezoned and the parcel would have to go through the plat process. This property has 32.0+ acres.

The final alternative option presented was classroom additions. Classroom additions would be added to Everglades, Flanagan, Western, and LLL High Schools. This is the less costly and quickest solution that fulfills the Board's short-term goal of relieving critically overcrowded Cypress Bay High School in Weston. The negative on this option is that it makes large High Schools and is a short-term vision solution; not providing for the projected growth in the southern part of the county.

The Superintendent gave his recommendation for the South Flamingo Road and 26<sup>th</sup> Street Site, which would be brought before the Board at the December 11, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting. The Superintendent felt this is a good business decision, a school is needed for this area, the plant survey coming up in 2008 and land may not be available in the future or be much more costly.

The Board gave their opinions regarding all the above options but was still divided on the location for a new school.

JFN/jd