

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 8, 2010

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Regular**
☐ **Public Hearing**

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:

A) Resolution No. 54-10, of the Town of Palm Beach, Florida expressing opposition to the proposed Palm Beach County 1% Fire Rescue Sales Surtax; memorializing the Town Commission's decision to decline participation in a proposed Interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County; and providing for an effective date; and

B) Resolution No. 2-2009 of the City Commission of the City of South Bay, Florida, requesting and supporting construction of a new elementary school in the City of South bay.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Document

Recommended By: Patty Hendle 5/21/10
Agenda Coordinator Date

Approved By: [Signature] 5/24/10
Assistant County Administrator Date

RESOLUTION NO. 54-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PALM BEACH COUNTY 1% FIRE RESCUE SALES SURTAX; MEMORIALIZING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at its April 6 meeting, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners voted to place on the August 24, 2010, primary ballot a referendum question which, if approved by County electors, would allow for a one percent county sales surtax to fund Palm Beach County fire rescue services from participating providers; and

WHEREAS, the participation by a majority of all county fire rescue service providers in an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County for the collection and distribution of said surtax is a condition precedent to the matter being placed before the County electors for consideration; and

WHEREAS, if adopted by the County electors, said surtax would be in lieu of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments which are currently collected for fire rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach is a fire rescue service provider, and has, historically, funded its fire rescue services by means of ad valorem levies; and

WHEREAS, numerous issues and questions regarding the proposed surtax exist, including but not limited to the relative volatility of sales tax revenue compared to property tax revenue, the proposed method of surtax collection, and the equity (or lack thereof) of the proposed method of distribution to participating providers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council having thoroughly studied and discussed the proposed surtax, has determined that its imposition would not be a benefit to the Town; and

WHEREAS, at its May 11, 2010, Council meeting, the Town Council discussed this issue and unanimously agreed that it would not at this time become a party to the requisite Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County.

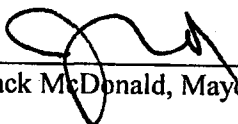
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach hereby expresses its opposition to the proposal of Palm Beach County to institute a 1% sales surtax for the purpose of funding Palm Beach County fire rescue services.

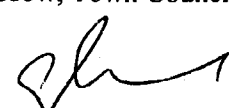
Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach hereby memorializes its unanimous decision to decline participation in a proposed interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County which a majority of fire rescue providers must execute as a condition precedent to the surtax being considered for approval by County electors.

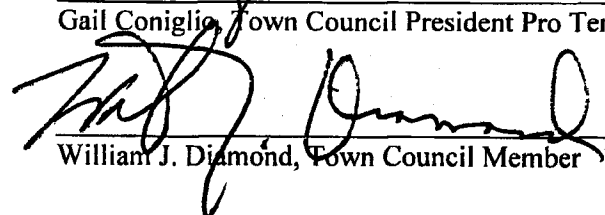
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular, adjourned session of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach assembled this 11th day of May 2010.


Jack McDonald, Mayor

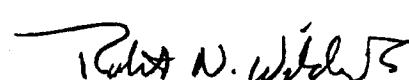

David A. Rosow, Town Council President


Gail Coniglio, Town Council President Pro Tem


William J. Diamond, Town Council Member


Richard M. Kleid, Town Council Member


Joanna Cunningham, Town Clerk


Robert N. Wildrick, Town Council Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2009


A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING AND SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY

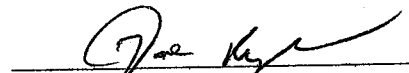
- WHEREAS,** historically in 1950 the Town Council of the Town of South Bay, Florida (presently known as the City of South Bay) announced that a contract had been let by the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction for a new five room school for Negro children; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** in 1950 and 1951 the new school, Rosenwald Elementary, was constructed by the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** in 2007, the City Commission of the City of South Bay proclaimed 2007 as the 56th Jubilee Year of Rosenwald Elementary and recognized Rosenwald Elementary School pioneers for their perseverance of spirit, courage and commitment to children and families; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** on November 14, 2007 the Palm Beach County School Board toured Rosenwald Elementary and held a public meeting on site; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** during the public meeting, school board members received a list of critical concerns about the deteriorating condition of Rosenwald Elementary and a request for the construction of a new school; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** on November 14, 2007 The Palm Beach Post featured an article, "School Gets Chance to 'Show Off' Problems," about Rosenwald Elementary; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** research about the impact of physical facilities on student learning indicate that "high achievement is associated with newer buildings, updated and properly maintained buildings, improved lighting, thermal comfort and indoor air quality; in addition, physical characteristics of learning environments can effect students emotionally, with behavioral consequences; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** physical facilities that provide enough space and proper resources for staff members to comfortably carry out activities with students, assist with homework, and communicate with other faculty members have a positive impact on working behavior of teachers, and thus the overall achievement of students; *AND*
- WHEREAS,** "schools that maximize opportunities for safety and security can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime, and an improvement in the quality of life for the students of all ages."


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the South Bay community needs a new school; and the City Commission of the City South Bay, Florida does hereby request and support the construction of a new school within the City of South Bay.

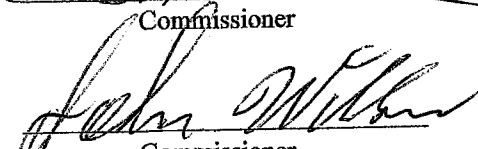
APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY CITY COMMISSION AT THE REGULAR MEETING THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.

(Municipal Seal)


Mayor



Vice-Mayor


Commissioner

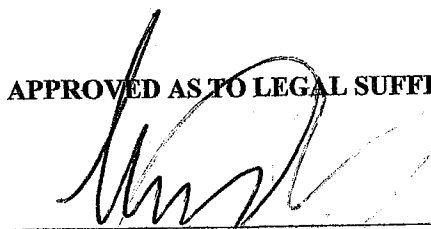

Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Thomas Montgomery, City Attorney

RESOLUTION 2-2009

RESOLUTION 50-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUSTAINING OUR PUBLIC COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

Whereas, public education is the gateway to community empowerment for children and families; and

Whereas, historically Rosenwald Elementary School was constructed in 1951, before the 1954 Brown v Board of Education United States Supreme Court decision declaring separate but equal facilities unconstitutional; and

Whereas, since 1951 Rosenwald Elementary School has been an education stimulus for the community; and

Whereas, in 2007 the City of South Bay Commission proclaimed 2007 as 56th jubilee year for Rosenwald Elementary School pioneers; and

Whereas, through the years, the City of South Bay Commission and staff have partnered with Rosenwald Elementary School through volunteer service to increase academic achievement and enhance the learning environment; and

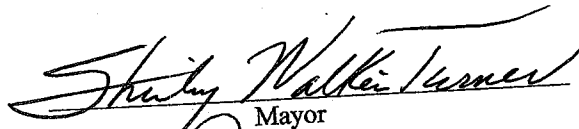
Whereas, the city of South Bay Commission encourages volunteerism and school involvement to support the educational needs of children attending Rosenwald Elementary School; and

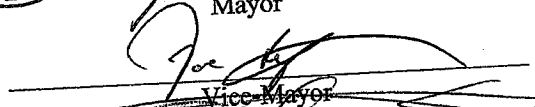
Whereas, Rosenwald Elementary School is our gateway to the future.

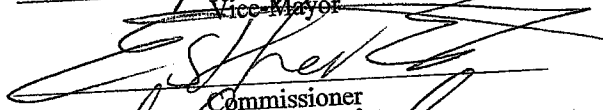
Now therefore, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of South Bay, Florida does hereby establish a school involvement partnership between the City of South Bay and Rosenwald Elementary School.

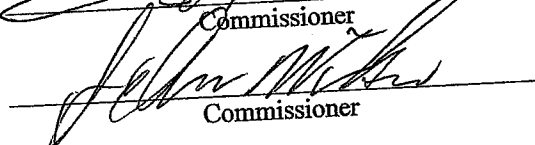
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2009.

Attest:

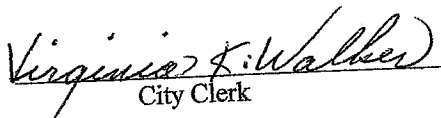

Mayor

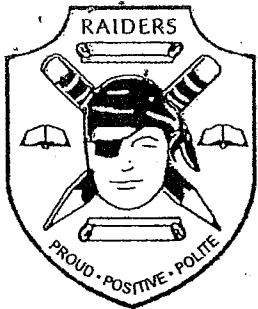

Vice Mayor


Commissioner


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City Clerk



ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
South Bay, Florida 33493
Phone: (561) 993-8900
Fax: (561) 993-8950

"Where Every Child Can Achieve"

Shundra Dowers
Principal

Dionne Napier
Assistant Principal

July 28, 2009

City of South Bay
335 SW 2nd Ave
South Bay, FL 33493

RE: Business Partnership Agreement

Dear City of South Bay:

Thank you for entering into an agreement to become Rosenwald Elementary Business partner in Education.

The Rosenwald family looks forward to a wonderful year.

Yours in Education,

Shundra Dowers, Principal



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Business Partnership Agreement



BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION TITLE
CITY OF SOUTH BAY

DESIGNATED SCHOOL OR SCHOOLS
ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUSINESS PROJECTOR ACTIVITY

- ☒ Increase Academic Achievement - Read to students, tutor, provide technical expertise, display student work
- ☒ Enhance the Learning Environment - Mentor students, provide time for employees to volunteer, field trips
- ☒ Career awareness - Offer job shadowing, internships, career fair or career day, career materials
- ☐ Take an Advisory Role - Be a member of a School Advisory Council, participate on a curriculum committee
- ☐ Faculty or Staff Development - Invite teachers to in-house training seminars, provide job shadowing for teachers
- ☐ Donor / Sponsorships - Donate supplies or equipment, scholarships, sponsor events or field trips
- ☐ Other (describe) _____

SCHOOL RECIPROCAL ACTIVITIES

- ☒ Recognition on marquee, newspaper, etc.
- ☐ Notes from students
- ☒ Invitations to special school programs
- ☐ Free tickets to school events & programs
- ☒ Appreciation programs
- ☐ Specific feedback regarding impact of partnership on students and school
- ☐ Other (specify) _____
- ☐ School T-shirt & spirit items
- ☐ Musical performances for partner
- ☐ Communication of school events
- ☐ Assist with company special events

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION PARTNER

CONTACT PERSON Dr. ESTHER BERRY
PERSON'S TITLE CITY COMMISSIONER
ADDRESS 335 SW 2nd Ave
(street, city, state, zip) South Bay, FL 33493

SCHOOL/DISTRICT OFFICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME SHUNDRA DOWERS, PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL/LIAISON ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ADDRESS 1321 W.Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
(street, city, state, zip) South Bay, FL 33493

PHONE NUMBER (561) 996 - 6751

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E-MAIL berrye@southbaycity.com

E-MAIL sorianom@palmbeach.k12.fl.us

The above business (organization) and educational facility do hereby agree to create an educational partnership which will enhance and improve the quality of education and meet the needs of the students, educators, and the community.

SIGNATURE OF BUSINESS PARTNER

July 23, 2009
DATE

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OR PRINCIPAL

DATE

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City of South Bay

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Development Director

Vicky DelBosquez
Acting Director of Human Resources

Edgar Kerr
Director of Public Works

"An Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer"

May 12, 2010

Robert Weisman
County Administrator
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 N. Olive Avenue, Suite 1201
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Mr. Weisman,

Do the facilities in which our children learn really matter? According to physical facilities research (School Planning and Management, 2007), high student achievement has been shown to be associated with newer, updated and properly maintained buildings, improved lighting, thermal comfort and indoor air quality. Also, facilities that provide enough space and proper resources for staff members to comfortably carry out activities with students, assist with homework and communicate with other faculty members have a positive impact on the working behavior of teachers and the overall achievement of students.


Rosenwald Elementary School, the only elementary school in the City of South Bay, was constructed in 1951 before the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision. Since 1951, Rosenwald Elementary has sustained a community based educational environment, wherein, every child can learn, develop character and become life-long learners. However, the South Bay community needs a new school.

On November 14, 2007, the School Board of Palm Beach County toured Rosenwald Elementary and held a community meeting on site. During the meeting, school board members received a list of community concerns about the deteriorating condition of Rosenwald Elementary and a community request for the construction of a new school. Subsequently, the City of South Bay Commission approved and adopted **Resolution 2-2009** (see attachment) requesting and supporting construction of a new elementary school in the City of South Bay. Also, the Commission approved and adopted **Resolution 50-2009** (see attachment) establishing a school involvement partnership between Rosenwald Elementary and the City of South Bay for the purpose of sustaining our public community school.

Notably, the City of South Bay Commission is the community advocate for the construction of a new school in South Bay and we need your support. On Thursday May 20, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., location- Glades Central High School Media Center, the community will meet to discuss options for school construction in the Glades. Regarding options, **do the facilities in which our children learn really matter?** The answer is yes and the South Bay community needs a new school.

Sincerely,


Shirley Walker-Turner
Mayor


Virginia K. Walker
City Clerk

cc: Thomas Montgomery
City Attorney

Arthur C. Johnson Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Joseph Sanchez
Director of Construction & Facilities Management

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