

RESOLUTION 2004 - 45

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BOUNDARY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN FALCON COVE AND SILVER TRAILS; SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL WHICH WILL PROMOTE A HIGHER QUALITY OF EDUCATION, REDUCE COSTS FOR PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND HELP IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF THE TOWN'S RESIDENTS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Broward County School Board is in its final stages of determining the school boundaries for the next school year; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2004, the School Board will hold its last meeting to adopt its new boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal sends all middle school students west of 184th Avenue between Griffin Road and Sheridan Street to Falcon Cove and all middle school students east of 184th Avenue between Griffin Road and Sheridan Street to Silver Trails; and

WHEREAS, the Town reviewed the current plan and determined that it will negatively impact the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town respectfully requests that the School Board revisit the proposal that would send the eighty middle school students in Laguna Isles to Silver Trails and which would send the forty-seven middle school students in Rolling Oaks to Falcon Cove; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Isles' sole access is on Sheridan Street at 193rd Avenue and Rolling Oaks' sole access is on Griffin Road at 178th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Silver Trails is located east on Sheridan Street and is less than ½ mile from Laguna Isles while Falcon Cove is located more than 3.5 miles away; and

WHEREAS, Falcon Cove is located west on Griffin less than ½ mile from Rolling Oaks while Silver Trails is located more than 3.5 miles away; and

WHEREAS, under the current plan, the main street that will be utilized to transport these students will be a two lane residential street (185th Way/ 186th Ave.); and

WHEREAS, due to safety issues associated with 185th Way/ 186th Ave., the Town has just completed the installation of twelve traffic calming speed tables to reduce traffic and to reduce speeds from 52 MPH to within 10% of the posted speed limit of 30 MPH; and

WHEREAS, the traffic calming measures were implemented to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents that live on this residential street; and

WHEREAS, the current plan will cause students to pass each other on this two lane residential street and will create 1,270 unnecessary student trips each week; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the other proposal will help to ensure the safety of its residents and that it will help to save the parents and the School Board time and operating costs associated with the transportation of the Town's students; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the other proposal will help to spawn a higher quality of education because the best student feeder pattern will be assured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches opposes the current school boundary plan and respectfully requests the School Board to reconsider the proposal that would send the eighty middle school students in Laguna Isles to Silver Trails and which would send the forty seven middle school students in Rolling Oaks to Falcon Cove.

Section 3. The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is hereby directed to distribute signed copies of this Resolution with a transmittal letter to each and every member of the Broward County School Board and to the


School Superintendent, immediately following the March 11, 2004, Town Council meeting.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 11th day of March 2004.


Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney