

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN, SAID LAND SITUATED, LYING AND BEING WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND DECLARING THAT THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF SAID PROPERTY, TO BE A PUBLIC NECESSITY; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN EMINENT DOMAIN LAWSUIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 73 AND 74, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the Department of Real Estate Services of the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida, has recommended the acquisition of certain real property, in fee simple, the legal description of which is contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein (hereinafter the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 4(b) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida (the School District) operates, controls and supervises public schools within the School District consistent with the statutory powers of Chapter 1013, F.S. and those rules, policies and regulations adopted by the School Board and/or pursuant to the Florida Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1013.24, F.S., the School District has the authority and right to take private property by eminent domain for public purposes or uses; and

WHEREAS, the School District has considered alternative means of accomplishing the expansion of Forest Hill High School campus and has determined that the Property is necessary for the expansion; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property is necessary for the School Board to expand the Forest Hill High School campus in order to carry out public school purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the School District that the Property is needed for the expansion of the Forest Hill High School campus and ancillary facilities for the use, safety and/or benefit of public school children; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that the use of the Property is necessary to expand the Forest Hill High School campus and ancillary facilities for the use, safety and/or benefit of public school children and that these activities are for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the School District has taken into consideration all of the relevant environmental factors and determined that the acquisition of the Property would not adversely impact the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the School District has taken into consideration all relevant safety factors related to the acquisition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property is consistent with the School District's long-range planning program, specifically its adopted FY2005-FY2009 Five Year Capital Plan; and

WHEREAS, the estate or interest to be taken is fee simple title to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the School District has budgeted funds for the acquisition of the fee simple title to the Property; and

WHEREAS, all necessary conditions precedent to the consideration and adoption of this Resolution have occurred or have been performed; and

WHEREAS, the School District has identified the boundaries of the area to be acquired and a boundary location map illustrating the location and boundaries of the Property is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the acquisition of the Property, it is necessary for the School District to exercise its power of eminent domain as authorized by Section 1013.24, F.S., and Chapters 73 and 74, F.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida, that:

1. The School District's Board hereby adopts, as true and correct, and hereby incorporates those matters set forth in the foregoing whereas clauses as its official findings.

2. The Department of Real Estate Services of the School District is directed to take the necessary steps to acquire the Property, including but not limited to hiring real estate appraisers to secure appraisals of value of the Property .

3. The Chief Counsel is directed to take the necessary steps to acquire the Property, including but not limited to, employing outside attorneys if in the opinion of the Chief Counsel the complexity or workload exceeds the ability of in-house staff to handle, and to file, if necessary, a petition for Eminent Domain to acquire the Property.

4. The School District's designated attorney is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to take all necessary steps, including the hiring of accountants, planners, appraisers and expert witnesses to acquire the Property by eminent domain in the name

of the School District, and to have prepared in the name of the School District all papers, pleadings and other instruments or documents required for that purpose, and to see that all eminent domain proceedings are prosecuted to take fee simple title and possession of the Property pursuant to Chapters 73 and 74, F.S.

5. The School District's designated attorney is hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as are reasonably required to fully accomplish the purposes herein above directed.

6. The School District's staff is hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as are reasonably required to fully accomplish the purposes herein above directed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Property described on Exhibit "A" is to be used for the following public purposes: to expand the Forest Hill High School campus and ancillary facilities for the use, safety and/or benefit of public school children in accordance with The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida's adopted FY2005-FY2009 Five Year Capital Plan.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2005.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Thomas E. Lynch, Chairman

Attest: _____
Arthur. Johnson Ph.D., Superintendent

Filed in the Board Minutes Office this _____ day of 2005.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

Board Secretary

I, _____ BOARD SECRETARY DO ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON _____

School Board Attorney, Blair R. LittleJohn, III

BOARD SECRETARY