

Greg Aiken, Chief Operations Officer, discussed school safety, including the school marshal program, single point access on campuses, visitor management system, panic button system for all staff, entry control systems, threat assessment teams, and LEO tours of campuses every three years.

Mr. Russell discussed the mental health services being offered through the schools.

Vice Mayor Tramont asked if the recommendation to arm teachers will come to fruition. Mr. Russell said currently, they do not support that recommendation. Vice Mayor Tramont is concerned with those teachers, including himself, who work in portables and have no other recourse. He'd also like to see information provided to teachers when they have a student who has been convicted of or charged with crimes. Mr. Aiken explained the new program coming out next year that will provide that information, called ASSIST.

Mrs. Haynes explained a process in place when she was a teacher that informed her of charges.

Vice Chairman Wright expressed concerns the Board had of the teachers' mental state as well, when it comes to arming teachers.

Councilman Stiltner asked for information regarding the Volusia County Sheriff's Office removing SRD's from the middle schools. Mr. Aiken explained the pilot program. There are still SRD's in the high schools and the middle schools will have guardians once they are trained.

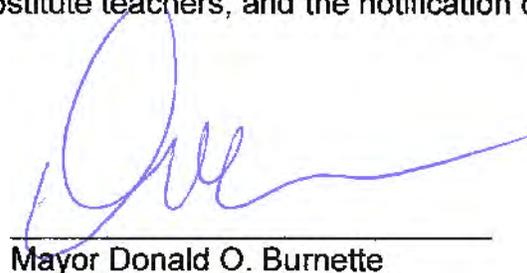
Rachel Hazel, Executive Director Elementary Curriculum, discussed school grades for Port Orange area schools. She also highlighted each of the schools' clubs and accomplishments. Historical instructional materials were discussed, as well as what's coming in the future due to changes by the Governor. The changes to the bell schedule have been completed through negotiations with the teacher union. That agreement included adding 30 minutes to the student day and 10 minutes to the planning period for teachers. A survey is being completed to determine possible changes in the start and end time for each level. Mayor Burnette expressed concerns regarding the start times for middle and high school.

Enrollment trends were discussed by Saralee Morrissey, FAICO Director for Planning. She thanked Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, and Penelope Cruz, Planner, for their ongoing help with trends. Ms. Morrissey also spoke on the level of service and in-zone enrollment. All Port Orange schools are over capacity. Mayor Burnette asked about plans for expansion. Ms. Morrissey explained some of the sites they currently own. Councilman Stiltner asked the Board to look into rebalancing the programs to help balance the student numbers at the high schools. Mrs. Cuthbert discussed the overcrowding issues and the State Laws they have to follow.

Mrs. Haynes would like a follow up on the question regarding teacher's receiving information relating to pending charges against a student in their classroom.

Public comments were taken regarding school start times, business partners, bus routes and capacity, security measures for substitute teachers, and the notification of pending felony charges to teachers.

ADJOURNMENT 6:06 p.m.



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Mayor Donald O. Burnette

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Robin Fenwick, CMC
City Clerk