

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 069**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S METHODOLOGY FOR THE REDUCTION OF ITS WORKFORCE AS IT APPLIES TO WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL; ADVISING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE DIRECT EFFECT ON WEST BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL'S STAFF AND STUDENTS; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Broward County is the sixth largest school district and the largest fully accredited public school system in the country supporting 255,000 students and employing 16,500 teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the reduction in funding, the School Board enacted Article 26 of the Broward Teachers' Union Contract by reducing the teaching staff by 396 individuals by replacing recently hired teachers with more senior teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, this formula does not recognize the total number of years of teaching experience and relies solely on the years worked in the Broward County School District; and

**WHEREAS**, West Broward High School has been open for one school year and is adversely affected by this formula. The staff, even though qualified and experienced, have served the least amount of time in the Broward County School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches believes that applying this formula to West Broward High School would be detrimental to the programs, the present teaching staff, and would add to the many challenges that these students are facing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida deems it in the best interests of area students and residents to voice opposition to the changes in teaching staff at West Broward High School and support an exemption of Article 26 of the Broward Teachers' Union Contract for West Broward High School.

**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, Florida hereby opposes the School Board's methodology for the reduction of its workforce as it applies to West Broward High School.


**Section 3.** The Town Council hereby advises the Broward County School Board that the West Broward High School will be adversely affected by the methodology since it has been open for less than one year and a large portion of its staff falls within the School Board's workforce reduction methodology.

**Section 4.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate Broward County governmental agencies.


**Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009, on a motion by Council Member McKay and seconded by Council Member Fisikelli.

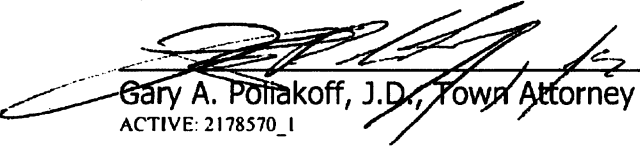
Nelson	ABSTAINED	Ayes	<u>4</u>
Breitkreuz	YES	Nays	<u>0</u>
Fisikelli	YES	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	YES	Abstaining	<u>1</u>
McKay	YES		

  
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Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Debra Doré-Thomas, Interim Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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