

My name is Wayne Winney. I live at 4434 Regonia Ct. Windermere FL
which is located approx 2 miles to this high school site. 3/27/16

I am a member of Citizens United for Sensible Growth, Inc.

The school board insists that West Orange High School is overcrowded. Including the capacity at the 9th grade center this is not true. They are near or at capacity. But if the school board insists that there is an urgency to start construction, why not utilize the Seidel Rd. site that they already own and is zoned properly and would not need a special exception. It is located for the anticipated growth in Horizon West. The infrastructure including roads, utilities and homes are being built as we speak today as was confirmed to this board by Sean Ells with Meritage Homes at the 3/24/15 BCC meeting where they received approval for construction of 297 homes directly next to the Seidel Rd high school site. They could start construction immediately at that location.

Also, the alternative site on Tiny Rd. is still available. This is the site that Commissioner Scott Boyd has worked on for almost his entire term in office the last 6 years. The land is owned by Orange County, and the School Board can likely lease or purchase for below market value. The School could have shared use of a brand new Sports Facility with Orange County, reducing construction costs and time (compliant with Comp. Plan Policy 5.11.1 and LDC 38-1756).

However, the School Board continues to find fault with any other site, and insists that BCC give in to political pressure.