

The District School Board of Indian River County met on April 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The Business Meeting was held in the Joe N. Idlette, Jr. Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Laura Zorc, Vice Chairman Tiffany M. Justice, and Board Members: Teri Barenborg, Jacqueline Rosario, and Dr. Mara Schiff. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Pastor Nate Swearingen, from First Church of God.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Zorc at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Vero Beach High School's Air Force Junior ROTC Detachment 043 under the Direction of Wade E. Dues, Chief Master Sergeant, (Retired), Aerospace USAF and Colonel Michael Zoller.
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Chairman Zorc asked the Board Members if there was anything they wanted to have moved from Consent to Action. Mrs. Barenborg requested to add Interim Superintendent Selection to the Action Agenda. Mrs. Zorc requested to have Consent A.4 Insurance Fund moved from Consent to Action. Mrs. Justice moved approval as amended. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS  
Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell for a series of Presentations. Dr. Rendell gave a brief overview of what the audience and Board Members could expect. He then turned it over to Mrs. Maddux, Public Information Officer, to proceed.
  - A. **Musical Rendition by SGMS Orchestra**  
Mrs. Maddux introduced Mr. Bollinger and the Storm Grove Middle School Orchestra. They played The Spirit of Colorado by Susan Day. A photo was taken.
  - B. **Short Video on School Initiatives**  
Mrs. Maddux prefaced the video being about Autism Awareness.
  - C. **Autism Awareness Month Classroom Award Presentation**  
Mrs. Maddux introduced some of the teachers in the video. They received certificates and a photo was taken.
  - D. **Casual for a Cause – Autism Speaks**  
This item was moved to the 5/14/2019 Business Meeting.
  - E. **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Osceola Magnet**

Mrs. Maddux introduced Mr. Scott Simpson from Osceola Magnet School. Mr. Simpson and guests shared what his Student Counsel Students did. He shared they raised over \$5,000.

**F. FP&L Presentation**

Mrs. Maddux introduced Mr. Robert Michael, Director of Physical Plant. Mr. Michael introduced Mr. Rob Grizzley from FP&L. Mr. Grizzley provided the district with a grant in the amount of \$63,440.

**G. FL Tobacco Cessation Alliance Award**

Mrs. Maddux shared the information on this award for Silver Status.

**H. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**

Mrs. Maddux introduced Ryan Sandgren to read the Proclamation. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion to accept the Proclamation. Mrs. Rosario moved approval. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Anthony Stewart – Cost of Segregation

Barbara Williams – Bus Drivers & Bus Monitors/Aides

Liz Cannon – Budget Amendment

Mike Young – Vero Beach Little League

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval Budget Amendments – Dr. Rendell**

Federal Budget - Amendment #2

Capital Fund – Amendment #2

Food Service – Amendment #2

Insurance Fund – Amendment #1

Explanation of the amendments accompanies the attached Budget Amendments.

Superintendent recommends approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Rendell**

Attached is a list of personnel recommendations that includes personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommends approval.

**C. Approval of Donations – Dr. Rendell**

1. Treasure Coast Technical College received a donation of table saws, regular saws and beginner tools for apprenticeship and wood work; and a cash donation of \$100 from the Vietnam Veterans, of Indian River County, Inc. The total value of the donation is \$2,100. The items will be utilized by the Welding and Construction Programs.

2. School District of Indian River County STEP into Kindergarten Program received a donation of \$50,000 from the Education Foundation of Indian River County. The

donation will be utilized to serve up to 225 students entering kindergarten in August 2019. Superintendent recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

Chairman Zorc spoke to her moving Consent A.4 to Action. She then called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Rosario seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Zorc noted that Mrs. Barenborg's item would be listed as Action I.

**A. Public Hearing for Adoption of New, Revised, and ~~Repealed~~ District School Board Policies – Dr. Rendell**

On March 12, 2019, the Board moved approval to set a Public Hearing date to adopt new and revised District School Board Policies. The purpose of the revisions and new policies, is to be consistent with present practice and legislation. The policy change process was followed in accordance with Florida Statutes, under Florida Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120 Rulemaking; and School Board Bylaw 0131. The proposed policies are attached. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information to the Board and audience. Chairman Zorc asked if he had documented the public hearing properly in accordance with State Statutes. Dr. Rendell confirmed. The Chairman then recessed the meeting to conduct the public hearing as advertised. She also asked Dr. Rendell, if there were any written responses to the advertised public hearing. He said there were none. Chairman Zorc invited the public to address any issues with this public hearing at this time. No one from the public spoke. The Chairman then concluded the public hearing on the Adoption of the New and Revised District School Board Policies and she reconvened the meeting.

Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Dr. Schiff moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval to Accept Annual Financial Audit Report # 2018-196 for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018– Dr. Rendell**

The Annual Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018, has been completed by the Auditor General, State of Florida. This report is to be filed as part of the public records of the Board making mention of this fact in the minutes. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information to the Board and audience. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. **Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Barenborg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.**

**C. Approval to Accept Internal Accounts Audit Report for Fiscal Year that Ended June 30, 2018 – Dr. Rendell**

The annual Internal Accounts Audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018, has been completed by Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines and Frank. Incorporated within the Internal Account Audit Report are the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters as completed. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information to the audience and the Board Members. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval to Award SDIRC #12-0-2019JC Invitation to Bid (ITB) Fire Alarm Replacement at Sebastian River High School to 1<sup>st</sup> Fire and Security Inc. - Mr. Teske**

The purpose and intent of this Invitation to Bid was to secure a firm price to replace the fire alarm system campus wide at Sebastian River High School as per drawings and specifications provided by OCI Associates, Inc. This ITB was restricted to pre-approved bidders who were Board approved on January 15, 2019 to bid on this project. The cost to the District is \$548,680.00 (Bid amount of \$498,800.00 plus the owner added contingency of \$49,880). The Purchasing Department recommends award to 1<sup>st</sup> Fire and Security, Inc. as the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms and conditions. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information to the audience and the Board Members. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Rosario seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for Sebastian High School Fire Alarm Replacement (SDIRC #12-0-2019JC) – Mr. Teske**

Approval is recommended for the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and 1<sup>st</sup> Fire & Security, Inc., for the Sebastian High School Fire Alarm Replacement project (SDIRC #12-0-2019JC), in the amount of \$548,680.00. The scope of work includes the replacement of the existing fire alarm system campus wide. The contract total amount consists of the Contractor's Base Bid in the amount of \$498,800.00 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$49,880.00, which includes all construction costs associated with this project. The contract amount does not include engineering fees at an estimated amount of \$29,400.00, for an overall total project cost of \$578,080.00. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc recognized Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell read the information to the audience and the Board Members. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Rosario moved approval. Mrs. Barenborg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

- F. Approval for the School Board Members of Indian River County to join the Florida School Board Association (FSBA) from 4/1/2019 through 6/30/2019 - Chairman Zorc**  
This membership is a cost of \$3,750 for the full Board. Shall an individual Board Member wish to invoke 716.221 (2) F. S, the cost would be \$750 per Board Member for the remainder of this year. Chairman recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc read the information to the audience and the Board Members. The correct statute was provided. It should have reflected 617.221(2) F.S. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Barenborg moved approval. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion. The Board Members had a discussion on this prior to their vote. Mrs. Barenborg requested to table the motion and item at this time. Mrs. Rosario seconded the motion to table the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**ADD-ON:**

- G. Discussion and action on the renewal of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement – Chairman Zorc**

The Superintendent's Employment Agreement, as amended, allows the School Board on or before July 31, 2019, to decline to extend Dr. Rendell's employment beyond the current Agreement term of June 30, 2020. The School Board will discuss and take action on the Employment Agreement renewal provision. Chairman recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc explained the item. Mrs. Rosario moved approval to not renew Dr. Rendell's Employment Contract past June 30, 2020. Dr. Schiff seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

- H. Discussion and action on a proposed Mutual Separation Agreement with the Superintendent – Chairman Zorc**

Pursuant to the School Board's direction, an update will be provided regarding a proposed Mutual Separation Agreement with the Superintendent. The School Board will discuss and possibly take action on a proposed Agreement. Chairman recommends approval.

Chairman Zorc explained the item. She called for the Citizen Input that requested to speak at this time.

Citizen Input

Randy Hiemler – Speak to Action H

Chairman Zorc asked Mrs. D'Agresta for an update. She updated the Board Members and audience on this item. Chairman Zorc cancelled this item for this meeting.

**Action I being added from the Adoption of the Orders of the Day.**

Chairman Zorc recognized Mrs. Barenborg. Mrs. Barenborg presented her item. She was presenting a resume for the suggestion of Interim Superintendent. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion. Mrs. Barenborg moved approval to enter into negotiations with Dr. Jones for Interim Superintendent. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Chairman Zorc opened this up for discussion. Mrs. Justice stepped out at 7:57 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Barenborg withdrew her motion to enter into negotiations with Dr. Jones for Interim Superintendent. Mrs. Justice withdrew her second as well. Mrs. Barenborg made a motion to collect community resumes to review prior to entering a search with the FSBA. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Zorc called for a vote. Mrs. Barenborg voted YAY. Chairman Zorc, Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Rosario, and Dr. Schiff voted NAY.

**Chairman Zorc went back to Action Item F, joining the FSBA from 4/1/2019 through 6/30/2019.** She asked if there was any further discussion. There was some additional discussion on this. Chairman Zorc called for a Motion as a Board Body to spend \$3,750 to join FSBA. Dr. Schiff, Mrs. Rosario, and Mrs. Zorc voted YAY. Mrs. Barenborg and Mrs. Justice voted NAY. FSBA will be asked to come based on the three members joining. If the others wish to join later they can do so. Mrs. Zorc will work on the meeting schedules. Dr. Schiff stepped out of the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and returned at 8:39 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell thanked Mrs. Copeman, Director of Finance, the entire Finance Department, Ms. Lynn Justen, Executive Assistant for the Finance Department for all they did in preparation of the Workshop and for the Budgeting time. He also thanked each of the other presenters for all they did with their presentations today.

IX. DISCUSSION

End of Year Activities, Events, Graduations, Summer Events, and School Year 2019-2020 Preparations – Mrs. Rosario

Mrs. Rosario brought up the year-end events, RSVP's, and looking forward to the year end events. She also brought up the budget process. Dr. Schiff brought up advising the Board Secretary of the Board Members travel dates for the summer.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mrs. Barenborg, Mrs. Rosario, Dr. Schiff, and Mrs. Justice all shared things that they participated in since the last Board meeting.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

**A. Financial Report for the month ending December 2018 – Dr. Rendell**

Attached are the Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2018.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S CLOSING

Dr. Rendell thanked Chris Hiser, Branden Rearden, Cristen Maddux, and Nancy Esplen for all of their efforts today.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Zorc

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:51 p.m.