

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the 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 Charles G. Searcy, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Dale Simchick, Laura Zorc, and Tiffany M. Justice. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

Annual Organization Meeting Minutes

In compliance with Florida Statute 1001.371 and Indian River County District School Board Policy 0150, the Superintendent shall act as Presiding Officer until the organization is complete.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rendell.
Dr. Rendell stated for the record that as per State Statute 1001.371 and School Board Policy 0150, the Superintendent was required to act as Chairman until the organization of the Board had been completed.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Dr. Rendell asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. OATH OF OFFICE – Honorable Victoria Griffin, Judge for 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Serving Students and Families of Indian River County

Dr. Rendell introduced Judge Griffin to conduct the swearing in of new Board Members. Judge Griffin talked about her work in the community with children and families in the Juvenile Justice Department. She spoke of the effect that the School Board policies had on the work that she does in the court system. Judge Griffin talked about the importance of School Board Members’ roles in the lives of our students and the community. She also mentioned the similarities of the duties in assisting families and children.

Judge Griffin performed the duty of swearing into office District School Board Members, Tiffany M. Justice, District 5; and Laura Zorc, District 3. Dr. Rendell thanked Judge Griffin for coming and for her work serving students and families of Indian River County, Florida.
- IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – Dr. Rendell
 - A. **Election of Chairman**
Dr. Rendell call for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Frost nominated Charles Searcy. Mrs. Simchick nominated Mr. Frost, who declined the nomination. Hearing no further nominations for the position, Dr. Rendell called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Charles G. Searcy as Chairman of the District School Board for a term of one year, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Rendell called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs. Zorc nominated Mr. Frost. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Rendell called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Shawn Frost as Vice Chairman of the District School Board for a term of one year, with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Rendell called for a 5-minute break to take pictures with family members and to re-seat the Board. Chairman Searcy re-convened the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Liz Cannon requested to speak.

VI. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. Approval of Business Meeting Dates and Times - Chairman

Present practice was to hold two monthly meetings. The meetings were held the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the business portion of the meetings and at 4:30 p.m. for Hearing Officer Reviews, only when necessary. A list of specific meeting dates for December 2016 through November 2017 was attached.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the business meeting dates and times. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members discussed a recommendation to hold one business meeting per month. Dr. Rendell stated that the current model worked well. He said that one meeting per month would severely affect the School District. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Meeting Place - Chairman

The Teacher Education Center (TEC) located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967, was the meeting place, unless public interest could best be served by meeting elsewhere. The room was the Teacher Education Center (TEC).

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost and Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

A. Indian River County Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Voting Position

Duties included attending monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Room B1-501. Last year Mr. Frost served, with Mr. McCain as Alternate.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mr. Frost would continue as the Committee Member and Mrs. Zorc would serve as Alternate.

B. Indian River County Commission's Economic Development Council (EDC), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Four-Year, Voting Position

Duties included attending monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. Last year Mr. Frost served his second year, with Ms. Jiménez as Alternate.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Zorc would serve as Committee Member and Mrs. Justice would serve as Alternate.

C. Indian River County School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Liaison for this Non-Voting Position

Duty was to attend monthly meetings during the school year on the first Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., at United Way in the Community Room. Last year Mr. McCain served.

Chairman Searcy said that there were several staff that attended these meetings. He stated that this was not a required Board position. He asked if anyone was interested. Hearing no volunteers for this position, Chairman Searcy said that if a Board Member was interested in attending, he or she should contact the Board's Executive Assistant.

D. Indian River County Planning and Zoning Commission with an Alternate for this Four-Year, Non-Voting Position

The Commission met on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in County Commission Chambers in Building A. During November and December, they met only on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The appointments were for four years. Last year Mr. Frost served his second year, with Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mr. Frost would serve as the Commission Member and Mrs. Simchick would serve as Alternate.

E. City of Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position

The Commission met on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. Last year Mr. McCain served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Zorc would serve as the Member.

F. City of Sebastian Planning and Zoning Commission, Three-Year Term, Non-Voting Position

The Commission met on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. The position would start on the first meeting after the City voted on the new member. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Simchick would continue to serve as the Commission Member.

G. City of Fellsmere Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position

The Commission met on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Simchick would continue to serve as the Commission Member.

H. City of Indian River Shores Planning and Zoning Commission, One-Year, Non-Voting Position

May 2008 was the first year for this appointment. The Commission met on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Ms. Jiménez served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Justice would serve as the Commission Member.

I. Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, Inc., Committee Member

The Committee met on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Lucie County's Administration Building. Last year Mr. Frost served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Zorc would serve as the Committee Member.

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J. Executive Roundtable, Committee Member for this Voting Position

One Board Member would be appointed to serve on the Executive Roundtable. The Committee met the last Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at United Way Building. Last year Ms. Jiménez served.

Chairman Searcy announced that Mrs. Justice would serve as the Commission Member.

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), County Citizen Advisory Committee for Transportation and an Alternate for this Voting Position

This was a volunteer position that began on September 11, 2012. The term of this position coincided with the Board's organization meeting. The CAC met the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. The position was vacant. Board Members were to submit names and vote on both the Committee Member and an Alternate Citizen to serve.

Mrs. Zorc submitted a biography for Amy Speak for the position. Mrs. Simchick made a motion to postpone this item and Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Chairman Searcy called for the vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for this Voting Position

Peter Robinson served on this Committee since its inception in 2003. The purpose of the Committee was to monitor implementation of the Interlocal Agreement and to report to participating local governments, the District School Board, and the general public on the effectiveness with which the Interlocal Agreement was being implemented. The Committee met once per year on a date and time to be determined. Mr. Robinson submitted a yearly report and agreed to do an additional term. Board Members would vote on this appointment.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the appointment of Peter Robinson to represent the School Board on the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for this Voting Position. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for this Voting Position

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board was an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee met each year as needed. The appointment would be effective upon approval by the County Commission. On January 22, 2013, Mr. Todd Heckman was appointed by the School Board. The position was for a calendar year/tax cycle. Mr. Heckman was interested in serving for an additional term.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the appointment of Mr. Todd Heckman to represent the School Board as the Citizen Member to the County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for this Voting Position. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Committee Member and One Alternate for this Voting Position

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board was an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee met each year as needed. The appointment would be effective upon approval by the County Commission. Last year Mr. Searcy was appointed as Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick was appointed as Alternate.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of Chairman Searcy as the Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Appointment as District School Board's Legislative Liaison for this Non-Voting Position

The Legislative Liaison position was established by the District School Board on 11/22/2011. This position required extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal issues. Last year Mr. Searcy was appointed as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of Mrs. Zorc as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison for this non-voting position. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

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F. Approval of Appointment to Moonshot Community Action Network for this Non-Voting Position

The Committee was comprised of community leaders in support of the Moonshot Goal. Normally they meet once every month. Last year Ms. Jiménez attended.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval to appoint Mrs. Justice to the Moonshot Community Action Network for this non-voting position. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

IX. INFORMATION

A. Staff Appointments to Indian River County Committees

Attached was a list of staff appointments to Indian River County Committees that were required by law and approved by the Superintendent for the 2017 calendar year.

B. Agnes Peebles Memorial Scholarship Committee

As per the legal Trust Agreement established in 1953, the Chairman of the School Board of Indian River County and the Principal of Vero Beach High School served as Chairman of this scholarship committee.

C. County, School Planning, Elected Officials Oversight Committee

Membership bylaws required that the Chairman of the School Board hold this position. The Committee meets, annually, in June.

D. Individual Citizen Member Appointments to District School Board's Land Use and Acquisition Committee

The appointment corresponded to the Board Members' elected terms. Board Members were to submit their appointee's name and contact information for adoption at the January 2017 business meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:56 p.m.