

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The discussion was held in the Teacher Education Center located in the School District Office at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center located at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Matthew McCain, Vice Chairman Charles G. Searcy, and Board Members: Claudia Jiménez, Dale Simchick, and Shawn R. Frost. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present.

2015-2016 Goals Discussion Minutes

I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman McCain.

II. Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Rendell presented a list of goals for 2015-2016 for the Board to consider. The list included the following focus areas, with specific goals, strategies, and measurable outcomes:

Focus Area I – Student Achievement

Goal 1. Increase achievement Scores on all standardized assessments

Goal 2. Maintain support and focus on Moonshot Moment

Goal 3. Increase graduation rate

Measurable Outcomes

Focus Area II – Safety and Security

Goal 1. Ensure the physical safety and security of all students and staff

Goal 2. Ensure all students are in a safety and secure learning environment

Goal 3. Ensure effectiveness of emergency response measures

Measurable Outcomes

Focus Area III – Employee Development

Goal 1. Provide a unified, comprehensive professional development plan

Goal 2. Implement employee performance systems focused in improvement

Goal 3. Create employment conditions that attract and retain high quality employees

Measurable Outcomes

Focus Area IV – School Community Relations

Goal 1. Increase communication between schools and community

Goal 2. Maintain and improve working relationship with the community

Goal 3. Improve relationship with charter schools

Measurable Outcomes

Focus Area V – Technology Integration

- Goal 1. Increase the use of technology as an instructional tool in the classroom
 - Goal 2. Increase the use of technology to serve as a curriculum management system
 - Goal 3. Increase the use of technology as a student management system
- Measurable Outcomes

Board Members were given an opportunity to discuss the goals and make suggestions. Suggestions included topics such as, baseline data for end of year report, information on School Resource Officers, data on recruitment efforts for end-of-year report, job description for Information Officer, readers versus computers for students to check out and take home, and issues with signing on to Focus. Dr. Rendell mentioned programs that were coming back to the District; i.e., Driver’s Education and H.O.P.E. through virtual school. He mentioned a new project on teachers’ classroom “best” lesson plan competition, as first step to the future. A new community effort was going to begin as a monthly, not-for-profit staff support program.

III. Next Steps

Dr. Rendell, with Board approval, said that he would submit a final list of goals and place the 2015-2016 Goals on the August 25, 2015, business meeting agenda for adoption. Dr. Rendell asked the Board for a special business meeting on Friday, August 21, to approve additional personnel recommendations prior to the first day of school. Board Members were in favor of the special meeting date and suggested 4:30 p.m. Dr. Rendell asked the Board how often they wanted Friday updates on facility projects. Board Members agreed that once a month, on the fourth Tuesday, as part of the business meeting agenda and once a month on the Friday Update just prior to the fourth Tuesday of the month business meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman McCain

Discussion adjourned at approximately 2:32 p.m.