

The District School Board of Indian River County met on October 27, 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, and Shawn R. Frost. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D'Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Dale Simchick, Board Member, was not present.

Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl Seating Project and Florida Standards Assessment Results Discussion Minutes

I. Discussion was called to order by Chairman McCain.

II. Purpose of the Discussion Session

Dr. Rendell stated that the purpose of the Discussion was to present options for the Citrus Bowl Phase I and II, and to present an update on the FSA test results from last spring. He said that the test results were applied to the school grade formula. Dr. Rendell said that there was no definite information on the cut scores.

III. Presentations

A. Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl Project

Mr. Sanders presented options to consider regarding the aluminum seating proposed for the project. As an example, he presented pictures from a similar stadium, showing aluminum seating, with red as the base that would keep it in line with the current appearance. The seating would include a rounded front and was enclosed beneath the seating in red. Mr. Sanders talked about addition options such as plastic butt plates and colosseum seating. Both options would be available in red. He also talked about the Press Box, guard rails on top (with and without advertising option).

Dr. Rendell said that slide 2, standard option, was what the District Staff was proposing. He said that the optional features, presented by Mr. Sanders, would not be funded through the District but would be presented to school clubs and community to consider as fundraising projects. The optional upgrades could be done in future years.

Board Members asked questions that included comments on upgrades, Board priorities, space needed for colosseum seating option, surface material, resurfacing, red versus aluminum cost/repair, and season ticket holder seating changes. Dr. Rendell reassured the Board that those having season tickets would have the same seating location as the current seating. He also noted that no one from the community had contacted him regarding funding assistance.

Added:

Report to Community on 0.60 Ad Valorem Millage

Mr. Morrison presented to the Board a draft of the advertisement that would be printed in the *TCPalm*. The purpose of the ad was to thank the community for their support and to comply with the voter approved reporting requirement for an accounting of all proceeds received as a result of the Essential Operating Needs millage Referendum levy approved by the voters on August 12, 2012. The total funds received from the 0.60 millage was (\$10,872,334) and the total funds received but not yet spent was (\$4,410,399).

B. Florida Standards Assessment Results

Dr. Rendell stated that the results were from testing taken last spring. He said that a validity study was done, followed by the release of the results. Dr. Rendell said that staff had done an incredible job putting this information into a format to formulate the school grades using last year's criteria. He state that the information being presented was our interpretation of the FSA results. Dr. Rendell said that the District had not received anything from the State. He said that it would be December or January before the State released their formula.

Mr. McMahon, Performance Data Analyst, stated that schools would be graded only on proficiency, rather than learning gains and proficiency. He presented detailed information on the Components of School Grades for 2014-2015, Conversion to Letter Grades, and potential Impact on SDIRC Schools. Board Members asked questions regarding the rationale of why learning gains were removed by the State and graduation rates. Dr. Rendell explained, in one example, how Glendale Elementary would probably to go from an "A" school in 2013-2014 school year, to an "F" school for the 2014-2015 school year. He stated that the grade was a direct result of the removal of learning gains. Mr. McMahon stated that the District's graduation rate percentages had been, historically, a few percentage points higher than the State rate of 76%.

It was noted that the Department of Education was currently running simulations to help inform where cut scores for each grade level should be. During the week of October 26, the Department of Education hosted Accountability Workshops throughout the State to review potential rule changes to the State Accountability System. Mr. McMahon said that this District would continue to push for a fair and equitable State Grading System. Dr. Rendell said that he had challenged the District Staff to develop its own local grading system to account for economically disadvantaged populations, attendance, survey data, and other measure in addition to traditional performance measures to give the public a better understanding of how

our schools were performing. He said that he would have a balanced score card for the Board in December.

Added:

Fiber Optics Update

Mr. Green reported on the 3rd fiber optics cut experienced at schools. He said that the County was holding the contractor responsible for the cuts. Mr. Green talked about the new fiber ring to be installed that would include the new Administrative Center. He said that the move to the new building was dependent upon the new ring connection, in order to move the Information Services equipment and staff to the new location ahead of the other departments.

IV. Adjournment

Chairman McCain adjourned the discussion session at approximately 1:49 p.m.