

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 17, 2015, at 6:00 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 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Chairman Dale Simchick, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Claudia Jiménez, and Charles G. Searcy. 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 Rev. Scott Alexander, Sr., Minister at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
Chairman Simchick stated for the record that our Flags were at half-mast in recognition of those who perished in France last Friday. Furthermore, the US and State Flags on all government buildings would continue to fly at half-mast until sunset on November 22, 2015. She called for a "Moment of Silence".
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Sebastian River High School's Naval Junior ROTC, under the Direction of James R. O'Neal, Master Gunnery Sergeant, USMC (ret).
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy call a Point of Order. He asked if items to be moved from Consent Agenda could be stated prior to the motion and second. Chairman Simchick mentioned that Dr. Rendell had requested a brief Presentation under item IV. Presentations. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Orders of the Day, moving Consent B to Action. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Ms. Jiménez requested to move Consent B. #18. Mr. Searcy and Mr. McCain accepted the request to include in the motion moving Consent B. #18 to Action. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
Dr. Rendell announced that the School District recently received an improved credit rating. Mr. Morrison asked Mr. Ford, from Ford and Associates who is the School District's Financial Advisor, to speak to the Board regarding the credit rating. Mr. Ford congratulated the School Board on the latest Moody's Report that went from an A1 Rating to AA3 Rating. He said that it was a significant achievement. Mr. Ford said that the rating would result in lower borrowing costs in the future. Mr. Ford read the Moody's Report citing's that included a statement that the School District's reserves were satisfactory for the District's size. He stated that the School District would now be included in the peer group of other District's rated AA3 throughout the Nation.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Anthony Brown requested to speak on Desegregation Order.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Consent Agenda, moving Consent D and Consent B #18. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. A Board Member noted for the record that the budget amendment for the dollars received from School Impact Fees would be utilized for school construction, in compliance with the stipulations for their use. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Discussion VBHS Citrus Bowl and FSA Results held 10/27/2015
2. Special Meeting for Student Expulsion Hearings held 10/27/2015
3. Business Meeting held 10/27/2015
4. Discussion Session held 11/3/2015
5. Business Meeting held 11/3/2015

Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

(Item #18 was moved.) Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Budget Amendments – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval of the following budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015:

- Amendment #1 – General Fund
- Amendment #1 – Capital Projects

Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

(Moved)

E. Approval of Student Leaving Indian River County for 2016-2017 – Mr. Rynberg

This was a renewal request to attend school in Brevard County for 2016-2017 School Year. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Sebastian River High School International Baccalaureate Field Trip to Washington, DC, 2015-2016 – Mr. Rynberg

Principal Todd Racine requested approval of Sebastian River High School's International Baccalaureate Senior Trip to Washington, DC, on March 17–21, 2016. All necessary insurance had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

Items moved from Consent Agenda for discussion:

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations, Item #18 – Dr. Fritz

Attached was a job description for a Job Coach for Exceptional Student Education transitioning student services. Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Member spoke to the recommendation. Mr. McCain moved approval of Personnel recommendation, item #18. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Carlos Vizcarra, MD. The funds would be utilized for the Sebastian River High School IB Program for travel, supplies, awards, and equipment. A donation in the amount of \$1,106.25 was received from Vero Home Audio. The funds would be used by the Sebastian River High School's chorus department for travel, supplies, awards, and equipment.
2. Osceola Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$3, 628.03 from the Osceola Magnet School PTA. The funds would benefit the Osceola School Magnet School's curriculum. A donation in the amount of \$1,000 was received from Raymond and Kim Oglethorpe. The funds would benefit the Osceola Magnet School's science studies.
3. Beachland Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,612.69 from the Beachland Elementary School PTA Scholastic Book Fair proceeds. The funds would be used by the Beachland Elementary School's media center.

Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Member requested recognition for the generous donations and asked Dr. Rendell to read the donations to schools. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the donations to schools. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of School Based Administrator Title I Supplement – Dr. Fritz

In accordance with School Board Policy 1410, Administrators assigned to a Title I school shall receive supplemental pay. For the 2015-16 school year, the attached Administrators shall be provided Title I compensation in the amount of \$552.03. The approximate cost to the general fund would be \$8,880.73 and included benefits. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the school-based Administrator Title I Supplement. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. Dr. Rendell addressed questions that included the definition of Title I Schools and the advantages and disadvantages of accepting Title I funds. It was noted that only elementary schools were eligible for Title I classification. A Board Member noted that there was a Bill presently being considered in Tallahassee for a \$10,000 incentive to Principals that would be willing to take over Title I difficult-to-manage schools. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Revised School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract – Dr. Fritz

In 1995, the District engaged in the first written, inter-local, cooperative agreement with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office to place School Resource Officers (SRO) in District schools. The proposed agreement was a revision of the current agreement, with the addition of two School Resource Officers. One additional SRO was to be placed at Vero Beach High School and Sebastian River High School. The cost to the District's General Fund was \$71,180.70. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the revised School Resource Officer contract and Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell stated that additional training requirements would be discussed with the Sheriff's Office for the 2016-2017 contract. He said that they would also consider language changes to specify to whom the Officers report. Dr. Rendell stated that this revised contract was for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Board Members discussed the issue of armed Officers, training, and student safety on campuses. Mr. Searcy called the question. Board Members voted in favor of the motion with a 3-2 vote. Mr. Frost, Mr. McCain, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Jiménez and Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

C. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Citrus Elementary New Classroom Building to Proctor Construction Company (SDIRC #2015-19) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Citrus Elementary New Classroom Addition Project in the amount of \$4,319,353.00. This price included all construction costs, plus management costs, with Proctor Construction Company. This project would include the construction of an approximately 21,000 square foot, 16-Classroom Building on the Citrus Elementary School campus. The GMP did not include architect and engineering fees in the amount of \$306,413.00 or FF&E at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Citrus Elementary new classroom building to Proctor Construction Company (SDIRC #2015-19). Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Mr. Sanders described what was included under the term, general conditions; and answered questions from the Board. Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Release of Partial Retainage Payment to Proctor Construction Company for Citrus Elementary School Cafeteria Project (SDIRC 2015-04) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for release of partial retainage in the amount of \$214,159.38 to Proctor Construction Company for the Citrus Elementary School Cafeteria Project (SDIRC 2015-04). On August 26, 2014, the Board approved the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for this project, with a Contract amount of \$3,510,819.40 (\$3,191,654.00 Contractors Bid Price/\$319,165.40.00 Owner Added Contingency). Retainage held to date for this project totals \$239,159.38, with a remaining balance of \$25,000.00 after approval of partial retainage payment. The remaining retainage balance would be brought to the Board at a later date upon completion of the project, as approval of Final Payment to the contractor in accordance with Florida Statute 1013.50. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the release of partial retainage payment to Proctor Construction Company for Citrus Elementary School cafeteria project (SDIRC 2015-04) and Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mr. Sanders talked about the construction process. Mr. Morrison addressed questions pertaining to an overpayment made from a prior project and the partial release for this project. Chairman Simchick called for the vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval to Piggyback the NJPA Contract #100814-DCT and Issue a Purchase Order to Dant Clayton Corporation for New Grandstand Structure and Press Box for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl – Mr. Morrison

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320 the Superintendent's authority was limited to purchase commodities and/or contractual services where the total amount did not exceed \$50,000 and did not exceed the applicable appropriation in the District Budget. This request was to grant the authority for the Superintendent to issue a purchase order to Dant Clayton Corporation to provide and to install a new grandstand structure and a new 10' x 24' press box and a support structure for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl stadium. The financial impact to the District was \$890,000 that included a contingency of \$50,000. Pricing was as per the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract #100814-DCT. The contract period was December 16, 2014, through December 15, 2018, with an option to renew for a fifth year. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Sanders gave a presentation on Phase I of the project for the demolition and replacement of existing home side bleachers and press box. The timeline for completion was April 30, 2016. Mr. Sanders gave a brief presentation on Phase II, with a completion date of August 2017; and Phase II.A. track field relocation, with a completion date of December 1, 2016. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to piggyback the NJPA contract #100814-DCT and issue a purchase order to Dant Clayton Corporation for new grandstand structure and press box for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl and Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Mr. Sanders noted that the rendering was available on the District website. He answered questions on the track field project on field B; and the football visitor's stand and fencing repairs. Dr. Rendell said that they would bring to the Board information on Phase II project as it was received. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval of Agreement with Dant Clayton Corporation for New Grandstand Structure and Press Box at the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl – Mr. Morrison

Attached please find the associated agreement for a new grandstand structure and new 10' x 24' press box and support structure for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl project, as per the terms and conditions of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract #100814-DCT. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement with Dant Clayton Corporation for the new grandstand structure and press box at the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mr. Sanders addressed questions regarding the timeline and penalties. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval of Revised 2014/2015 Superintendent's Annual Financial Report - Mr. Morrison

On September 8, 2015, at the final public hearing on the 2015/2016 millage rates and budget, the District School Board approved components of the 2014/2015 Superintendent's Annual Financial Report. At that time, all School Districts in the State were waiting for information from the Florida Division of Retirement in order to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #68 "Accounting for Pensions". Subsequent to the meeting, the District received the information from the State and incorporated it into the financial statements. However, given the complexity of the information and required adjustments in conjunction with the time needed to work with the auditors to ensure proper accounting, the revised report was added to the agenda on Friday, November 13, 2015. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the revised 2014/2015 Superintendent's Annual Financial Report. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell introduced Mr. Hilary Poole, the new Assistant Principal of Vero Beach High School. He further announced that in order to assist staff, paychecks would be distributed before Thanksgiving. All paychecks would be deposited (dependent upon the policy of the individual bank) and/or ready for pickup on November 25. Dr. Rendell stated that an advertisement was placed in the *TCPalm* newspaper on Saturday that contained the Discretionary Voter's Millage information. Copies were available in the District Office.

Dr. Rendell responded to recent media information in regard to the letter received pertaining to the District's Desegregation Order. He stated that the District was not being sued, at the present time, by the ACLU, Office of Civil Rights, or the NAACP. Dr. Rendell stated that a copy of the letter sent by the ACLU to the Office of Civil Rights was received in regard to hiring practices. He said that if the Office of Civil Rights decided to investigate, the District would share with them all of the District's data and hiring practices. Dr. Rendell, in response to the letter presented to the Board by Mr. Brown under Citizen Input, said that the press release was not an assessment. He said that it was a press release in response to the letter received by the ACLU to the Office of Civil Rights. Dr. Rendell said that the District had not completed an assessment as to whether or not to pursue unitary status. He said that Board direction was to hire an outside firm to do an assessment from an outside, neutral, third-party firm. Dr. Rendell said that, upon completion, the assessment would be shared at a workshop with the Board, NAACP, ACLU, and community members.

He announced that the in-school student suspensions, out-of-school student suspensions, and student removals from classrooms data resulted in significant improvement as compared to the first quarter of last year. He said that this was accomplished through conscience efforts made by staff. At the request of a Board Member, Dr. Rendell explained for the public the term unitary status and how that could affect the School District and the Desegregation Order. He stated that the goal of the School District was to serve all students with excellence, whether or not the District was under a Desegregation Order.

IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Ms. Jiménez talked about Teachers of the Year announcements and the need for additional county wide youth activities; such as, the new Vero Beach Skate Park Alliance project and playground improvements at Riverside Park.

Mr. Frost reported on the students' participation in Veteran's events throughout the County, Parents Engaged Now Program, and ARC growth opportunities. He also spoke of his trip to Tallahassee on Wednesday regarding Senate Bill 672 Educational Options that established a Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities \$92 million to transition students that needed additional support to go on to attend college, among other programs.

Chairman Simchick spoke about her personal experience regarding her son's engagement in a Veteran's Day activity at school. She thanked Mr. McCain for his service as Chairman, including the hiring of a new Superintendent.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month ending September 2015 - Mr. Morrison

Attached were the Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2015.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Rendell presented a video on Student participation in Veteran's Day Activities.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Simchick adjourned the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.