

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 17, 2015, 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 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. District School Board Members attending were: Matthew McCain, Charles G. Searcy, 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.

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 was complete.

- II. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – Dr. Rendell

- A. **Election of Chairman**

- Dr. Rendell stated that the first order of business was for the Board to elect a Chairman to serve for one year. He called for nominations from the Board.

- Ms. Jiménez nominated Mrs. Simchick. Mr. Frost nominated Mr. Searcy. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Rendell called for a vote regarding the nomination of Mrs. Simchick as Chairman. Note: Amended at the District School Board Business Meeting held 12/8/2015 as follows: The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mrs. Simchick as Chairman, with a 5-0 vote. The Board voted in favor of Mrs. Simchick as Chairman, with a 4-1 vote. Mr. Frost, Ms. Jiménez, Mr. McCain, and Mrs. Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

- Dr. Rendell stated that it was his pleasure to announce that Mrs. Simchick would hold the position of Chairman for one year.

- B. **Election of Vice Chairman**

- Dr. Rendell stated that the Board would now elect a Vice Chairman to serve for one year. He called for nominations from the Board. Mr. Searcy nominated Mr. Frost. Mr. Frost nominated Mr. Searcy. Mr. Searcy declined the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Rendell called for a vote regarding the nomination of Mr. Frost as Vice Chairman. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Frost as Vice Chairman, with a 5-0 vote.

- Dr. Rendell stated that it was his pleasure to announce that Mr. Frost would hold the position of Vice Chairman for one year.

Dr. Rendell stated that at this time, he would turn the gavel over to the newly appointed Chairman. After a brief break to re-seat the Board, Chairman Simchick reconvene the meeting. She thanked Mr. McCain for his service as Chairman to the Board during the period in which the Board elected a new Superintendent.

III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. Approval of Business Meeting Dates and Times

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 meeting and at 4:30 p.m. for Hearing Officer Review, only when necessary. A list of specific meeting dates for December 2015 through November 2016 was attached.

Chairman Simchick stated that the first order of business was to call for a motion to adopt the business meeting dates and times. Mr. Frost moved approval of the meeting dates and times, striking November 8 from the list. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Searcy moved to amend the motion to hold one meeting per month. Dr. Rendell stated why two meetings per month were necessary to conduct the business of the School District. The amendment died for lack of a second. Mr. Searcy called for the question. The Board voted in favor of the meeting dates and times, striking Tuesday, November 8, 2016, from the list, with a 4-1 vote. Mr. McCain, Ms. Jiménez, Mr. Frost, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

B. Approval of Meeting Place - Chairman

The Teacher Education Center (TEC) located in the Administrative Center at 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960, was the current meeting place. The new address was 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967. These were the addresses for the current and new designated meeting places, unless public interest could best be served by meeting elsewhere. The room was the Teacher Education Center (TEC). The first meeting scheduled for the new Administrative Center was January 12, 2016.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the meeting place. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members discussed moving the business meetings around to other school locations. Ms. Jiménez requested that this topic be added to the December 8, 2015, Discussion Session agenda. Mr. Searcy called for the question. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

IV. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

A. Indian River County Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Committee Member and Alternate – 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. McCain served, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

Chairman Simchick announced that Mr. Frost would serve as Committee Member and Mr. McCain would serve as Alternate.

B. Indian River County Commission's Economic Development Council (EDC), Committee Member – Two-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 first year, with Ms. Jiménez as Alternate.

Chairman Simchick announced that Mr. Frost would serve his second year, with Ms. Jiménez continuing as Alternate.

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

Duty was to attend three to five meetings per year as called, generally at 12 noon at United Way. Last year Mr. Searcy served.

Chairman Simchick announced that Mr. McCain would serve.

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

The Commission met on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in County Commission Chambers. The appointments were for December 2015 and for calendar year 2016. Last year Mr. Frost served, with Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate.

Chairman Simchick announced that Mr. Frost would continue to serve, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

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

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

Chairman Simchick announced that Mr. McCain would continue to serve.

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

The Commission met on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Simchick stated that she would continue to serve.

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 Simchick stated that she would continue to serve.

H. City of Indian River Shores Planning and Zoning Commission – 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 Mr. McCain served.

Chairman Simchick stated that Ms. Jiménez would serve.

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

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

After discussion, Chairman Simchick requested that the appointment and purpose be placed on the next Discussion Session agenda.

V. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), County Citizen Advisory Committee for Transportation

Ryan Wilson volunteered and was appointed to the position on September 11, 2012. The term of this position was to coincide with the Board's organization meeting. The CAC met the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. Mr. Wilson submitted a yearly report and agreed to do an additional term. Board Members would vote on this appointment.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to re-appoint Mr. Wilson. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, 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

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 Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval to re-appoint Mr. Robinson. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Committee Member and One Alternate

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 Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of Mr. Searcy to continue as Committee Member on the Value Adjustment Board and Chairman Simchick as the Alternate. Mr. Searcy 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 Citizen Member

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 values or denial of exemptions, classifications, or tax deferrals. 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 submitted a yearly report and agreed to serve for an additional term.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of Mr. Heckman to serve for an additional year. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Appointment as District School Board's Legislative Liaison

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 Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of Mr. Searcy to continue as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mr. Searcy nominated Mr. Frost. Mr. Frost said that he would prefer not to serve in that position. Mr. Searcy withdrew his recommendation and called for the question. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Searcy to continue as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison, with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval of Appointment to Community Literacy Leaders Committee, Non-Voting Position

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

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of Ms. Jiménez to continue in that position. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VI. 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 2015 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 on 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 once, annually.

D. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Meetings were held the third Friday of every month in Stuart with Legislative Liaisons. Mr. Searcy attended.

E. Treasure Coast Work Group

Meetings were normally held monthly on Fridays with legislative representatives from Okeechobee, West Palm Beach, Martin, Indian River, and Saint Lucie Counties. Mr. Searcy attended.

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

The appointment corresponded to the Board Member's elected term. Board Members were to submit their appointee's name and contact information for the January 2016 business meeting agenda, if there were changes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:28 p.m.