

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 8, 2016, 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 6500 - 57th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967. 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 from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Sebastian River High School Naval Junior ROTC under the Direction of Master Gunnery Sergeant James R. O'Neal USMC (Ret.)
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Chairman Simchick asked if Board Members had any items they wanted to move from the Consent Agenda. Board Member requested to move Consent B Item #18. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Orders of the Day, moving Consent B Item #18 to follow the Consent Agenda for discussion. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. **Education Foundation, Donor for STEP (Summer Transition Enrichment Program) Grant – Mrs. Falardeau**  
Contributors were recognized and celebrated for supporting the upcoming summer Pre-K and Kindergarten transition program that would support 165 children in June and 165 children in July 2016. The list included: The Children's Services Advisory Committee, United Way, Title I, School District Foundation Matching Grant Program, Indian River Community Foundation, Hope Woodhouse, and John's Island Community Service League.
  - B. **Recognition of Vero Beach High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, State Champions!**  
Board Members, Superintendent, Principal, and Coaches recognized the Basketball Team Members for being the 1<sup>st</sup> State Basketball Team in the history of Vero Beach High School, Fighting Indians!

**C. Music Rendition by Oslo Middle School Students**

Students performed for Board Members and the Audience. Dr. Rendell stated that this was the first of many schools to be invited to perform.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

No requests to speak were received.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Consent Agenda, moving Consent B item #18 to follow the Consent Agenda. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell**

1. Superintendent’s School Board Workshop held 2/23/2016
2. Business Meeting held 2/23/2016

Minutes were available prior to the meeting. Superintendent recommended approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz**

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

**C. Approval of Vero Beach High School Math Team Trip to St. Louis, Missouri 2015-2016 – Mr. Rynberg**

Mr. Shawn O’Keefe requested approval of Vero Beach High School’s Math Team to travel to St. Louis, Missouri for July 10–15, 2016. All necessary insurance had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**D. Approval of Donation – Mr. Morrison**

Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Orchid Island. The funds would be utilized by the Sebastian River High School’s IB students for their Washington, D.C., trip for airfare, lodging, and ground transportation. Superintendent recommended approval.

**E. Approval of Articulation Agreement with Indian River State College 2015-2016 - Mr. Rynberg**

Articulation agreements had been developed between the School District of Indian River County Florida and Indian River State College (IRSC) for all secondary career/technical programs taught in the high schools of Indian River County. High school graduates were awarded articulation credits upon initial registration at Indian River State College based on demonstrated competencies subject to validation by the secondary institution. This articulation agreement was for all degree/certification programs where articulated credits were applicable.

Examples included: Business Management, Welding, Automotive, Architecture and Construction, Culinary, Digital Design, Geospatial Geographic Information System (GIS), Biotechnology and Nursing. No cost to the School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**F. Approval of Student Leaving Indian River County 2015-2016 - Mr. Rynberg**

This was a request to attend school in St. Lucie County from Indian River County. All necessary documents were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

**G. Approval of Student Admission to Indian River County 2015-2016 - Mr. Rynberg**

This was a request to attend school in Indian River County from St. Lucie County. All necessary documents were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

**H. Approval of Pre-K STEP into Kindergarten Summer Program 2016 – Mr. Rynberg**

The Education Foundation, in collaboration with the Title I and Pre-K departments, was awarded a grant of \$107,534.00 from the County (Children Services Advisory Committee and the County Commissioners) to support the 2016 Summer Transition Enrichment Program (STEP into Kindergarten). This funding would provide an opportunity for 30 students from Treasure Coast Elementary to participate in the June summer program and extends both the Treasure Coast and the Title I Pre-K to Kindergarten Summer Transition Enrichment Program into the month of July. The July Pre-K to Kindergarten Summer Transition program would serve up to 150 students who will be entering Kindergarten in August 2016 for an additional 19 days in the month of July. The grant was structured to reimburse the School District of Indian River County for expenses related to this program up to the amount of \$107, 534.00.

The Education Foundation, in collaboration with the Title I and Pre-K Departments, had also been awarded additional funding for this project from:

- United Way of Indian River County - \$35,000
- Indian River County Funders Forum Match Group of the Children Services Advisory Committee - \$15,850.00
- School District Foundation Matching Grant (Consortium of Florida Education Foundations) - \$10,000.00, approved
- John's Island Community Service League - \$35,000, pending approval

Current awarded funding for the STEP into Kindergarten program equals \$168,384.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Item moved from Consent Agenda:

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

Item #18 was moved from Consent B to follow the Consent Agenda. Attached was the job description for the Junior ROTC Instructor. The changes were to minimum qualifications and align them with the requirements for the JROTC Program and meets the needs for both Navy and Air Force programs. Superintendent recommended approval.

After discussing the job description at length, the Board agreed to leave in (1) Bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution and to add the word "preferred". Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Junior ROTC job description, leaving in item (1) Bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution in the Qualifications list and adding the word "preferred". Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval to Set Public Hearing Date to Adopt New and Revised School Board Policies – Dr. Rendell**

On February 9, 2016, the School Board discussed new and revised Board Policies, and requested to move forward with the adoption process. The purpose of the revisions was to be consistent with present practice and legislation. The Public Hearing and adoption would be held during the regular Business meeting on April 12, 2016. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to set the public hearing date for April 12, 2016, to adopt new and revised School Board Policies. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Amending Resolution No. 2016-10, which Amends Resolution No. 2016-09 in Certain Respects in Order to Increase the Previously Authorized Not-to-exceed Aggregate Principal Amount of Certificates of Participation, Series 2016B from \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000; Authorizing the Lease-purchase Financing of the Renovation of the Citrus Bowl at Vero Beach High School as an Additional Project to be Financed with such Certificates; and Authorizing the Chairman and Superintendent to Execute and Deliver necessary Documents in Connection Therewith - Mr. Morrison**

On February 23, 2016, the School Board approved Resolution No. 2016-09 authorizing the lease-purchase financing of the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a classroom addition and cafeteria/multipurpose room at Beachland Elementary School pursuant to the School Board's Master Lease (COPS) Program with the Leasing Corporation. The financing would be accomplished through the issuance of Certificates of Participation, Series 2016B (the "Series 2016B Certificates") in the aggregate principal amount of not-to-exceed \$8,000,000. Amending Resolution No. 2016-10 authorized the increase of the not-to-exceed amount of the Series 2016B Certificates from \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000 in order to allow for the financing of an additional project comprised of the renovations of the Citrus Bowl at Vero Beach High School. The Amending Resolution also authorized the Chairman and Superintendent

to execute all necessary documents and take such other action as necessary or required to accomplish the financing. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the amending Resolution No. 2016-10 that Amended Resolution No. 2016-09 in certain respects in order to increase the previously authorized not-to-exceed aggregate principal amount of Certificates of Participation, Series 2016B from \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000; authorizing the lease-purchase financing of the renovation of the Citrus Bowl at Vero Beach High School as an additional project to be financed with such certificates; and authorizing the Chairman and Superintendent to execute and deliver necessary documents in connection therewith. Mr. McCain seconded the motion.

Board Member noted that the project did not include a new track. She said that the existing track would be renovated at a cost of \$75,000. Chairman said that she was looking forward to the new track that was a future project in the District's Five-Year Plan.

Chairman Simchick called for a roll call vote by Ms. Stang as follows:

Mr. Searcy	No
Mr. McCain	Yes
Ms. Jimenez	Yes
Mr. Frost	Yes
Chairman Simchick	Yes

The motion carried, with a 4-1 vote.

Chairman Simchick recessed the business meeting at approximately 6:41 p.m. to hold District School Board Leasing Corporation Business Meeting. Chairman Simchick reconvened the business meeting at approximately 6:43 p.m.

**C. Approval of Release of Final Payment to Hi-Tech Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., for the Dodgertown Elementary School Roof Replacement Project (SDRIC #2016-05) – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for release of final payment in the amount of \$6,428.08 to Hi-Tech Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., for the Dodgertown Elementary School Roof Replacement Project (SDRIC #2016-05). On September 22, 2015, the Board approved the Owner Contractor Construction Agreement (Lump Sum) for the Dodgertown Elementary School Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$71,160.00 (\$61,160.00 Contractors Bid Price/10,000.00 Owner Added Contingency); with the final construction cost for this project totaling \$64,280.81. The unused balance of the Owner Added Contingency, in the amount of \$6,879.19, was a savings to the District. Final payment for this project was being brought to the Board for approval in accordance with Florida Statute 1013.50. The final payment to the contractor

consisted of the project retainage that was held until project completion. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the release of final payment to Hi-Tech Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., for the Dodgertown Elementary School roof replacement project (SDRIC #2016-05). Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of Florida Department of Education, Office of Educational Facilities, and Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the Florida Department of Education, Office of Educational Facilities, Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data for the School District of Indian River County. The School District was required, by Florida State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) Section 6.1(5)(c), to review the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) and to certify to the Office of Educational Facilities that the inventory was current and accurate prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Florida Department of Education, Office of Educational Facilities, and Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data Report. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Office of Educational Facilities Building Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze for Beachland Elementary School Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the attached Office of Educational Facilities Room Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze Forms (OEF Form RCC-BRR) to be submitted to the Florida Department of Education for Beachland Elementary School Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. This form was a request to the Department of Education for an Unsatisfactory Building Determination and would give the School Board permission to demolish the buildings indicated on the form. A Castaldi Analysis Study was conducted and supported the replacement of the existing buildings with new facilities. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Office of Educational Facilities Building Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze for Beachland Elementary School Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the reduction of student stations. Mr. Sanders stated that these were early figures released by the project developer and assured

the Board that the figures would change. He said that the next step was to meet with the Principal regarding the footprint. Other questions were addressed by Mr. Sanders. Chairman Simchick called for a vote. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Approval to Accept Comprehensive Annual Financial Report #2016-099 for Fiscal Year that Ended June 30, 2015 – Mr. Morrison**

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2015, had been completed. In addition, incorporated within the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were the Financial and Federal Single Audit Reports that were completed by the Auditor General, State of Florida. This report was to be filed as part of the public records of the Board making mention of this fact in the minutes. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report #2016-099 for fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**G. Approval to Accept Annual Operational Audit Report #2016-077 for Fiscal Year that Ended June 30, 2015 – Mr. Morrison**

The Annual Operational Audit Report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2015, had been completed by the Auditor General, State of Florida. This report was to be filed as part of the public records of the Board making mention of this fact in the minutes. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Annual Operational Audit Report #2016-077 for fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mr. Morrison talked about the three findings in the Audit and answered questions from the Board. Chairman was pleased that the transitioning students at Wabasso would have an opportunity to attend Adult Workforce Classes. Chairman Simchick called for the vote. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**H. Approval of an Agreement with Dr. Scott Neil for Leadership Coaching for 2015-2016 – Mr. Rynberg**

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. Utilizing authority granted earlier this year, the Superintendent entered into an agreement with Dr. Scott Neil to provide leadership-coaching services for four elementary schools. Leadership coaching support had been shown to be a significant leadership development component that contributed to the success of schools. The

role of the Leadership Coach was to increase the capacity of school leaders to develop and exercise practices related to visionary, instructional, and operational leadership; as well as, the crosscutting skills needed to exercise leadership in all areas. A decade of research had shown that effective leaders shape the vision and create the schools' climate that builds on community to improve instruction by way of effective management of people and resources. At this time, the Superintendent's authority had been met. In order to continue Leadership Coaching with Dr. Scott Neil for the remainder of the school year, authorization to exceed the \$50,000 was needed at this time. Total costs were not to exceed \$72,500. Title I and Title II appropriations of federal dollars would support this initiative for this school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the agreement with Dr. Scott Neil for Leadership Coaching for 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell answered questions and talked about the program. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell said that he did not have a report but asked Dr. Fritz to talk about the Food Services Audit. In summary, Dr. Fritz stated that Food Services Department's State and Federal Audit resulted in no findings and no action was required. He said that it was a high-quality program serving 15,000 meals daily.

IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Ms. Jiménez thanked the Community Members, Partners, and the Children's Services Council for speaking up at the Indian River County Commissioners' meeting that resulted in the Commissioners' vote that supported additional funding that equaled \$1 million plus, factoring in the matching grants.

Chairman Simchick reported on the proposal presented at the Sebastian Planning and Zoning meeting to put in a family entertainment center, with 17 bowling lanes.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

**A. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 TRIM Planning Calendar and Budget Adoption Schedule – Mr. Morrison**

Florida Statute 200.065 required School Districts to adopt their budgets within prescribed time schedules. In order to meet those requirements, the attached dates, times, and locations for the Board workshops, and the two public hearings were being provided for public viewing.

**B. Financial Report for Month ending January 2016 - Mr. Morrison**

Attached were the Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2016.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.