

The District School Board of Indian River County met on May 10, 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 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. Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost was not present. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Rev. Graham Bingham from the First Presbyterian Church.

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’s Naval Junior ROTC, under the Direction of Master Gunnery Sergeant James R. O’Neal USMC (retired).

The District School Board and Superintendent of Schools recognized Master Gunnery Sergeant James R. O’Neal USMC (ret) and the Sebastian River High School ROTC Students for their service to the School District, to their school, and to the community. Plaques were presented in recognition of their service and to James O’Neal in recognition of his retirement from the School District of Indian River County.

- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Simchick asked the Board if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent. Mr. Searcy requested to move Consent E, F, G, I, and J to follow the Consent Agenda for discussion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Orders of the Day moving Consent E, F, G, I, and J. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **State of Florida Science and Engineering Fair Student Recognition – Dr. Rendell**
Recognition of the students who participated in the 62nd State of Florida Science and Engineering Fair on March 31, 2016, in Lakeland, Florida.
 - B. **Academic Games Student Recognition – Lori Scott**
Recognition of the students who participated in the Academic Games National Competition on April 22-25, 2016, in Atlanta, GA.

C. Casual for a Cause – Dr. Rendell

The recipient of the District's Casual for a Cause fundraiser for the month of March was The Veterans Council of Indian River County. Teachers, Students, and Staff across the District paid a small fee to dress down for the day on March 31, 2016. Their donations for this cause totaled \$3,804.17.

D. Musical Rendition by Rosewood Magnet School's Panther Performers

E. Short Video on School Initiatives

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Bonnie Julin requested to speak on introducing students.

Charlotte Yates requested to speak on educational FSA testing and teacher wages.

Sophia Dalili requested to speak on confidential matters and teacher wages.

Ava Wilke requested to speak on educational student behavior.

Angelina DuBois requested to speak on educational students and discipline.

Katie Love requested to speak on educational FSA and discipline.

Sarah Moosbrugger requested to speak on educational teachers deserve more respect.

Alexa Roth requested to speak on educational teacher wages.

Christian Rojas requested to speak on educational teacher wages.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda, moving Consent E, F, G, I, and J to follow the Consent Agenda for discussion. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Employee Insurance Workshop held 4/26/2016
2. Superintendent's Workshop held 4/26/2016
3. Business Meeting held 4/26/2016

Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Agreement to Exchange Use of Facilities and Equipment with the City of Vero Beach – Dr. Fritz

Approval was recommended for the renewal of a long-standing agreement between the City of Vero Beach and the School District. This agreement stated that each party would provide the other with the use of particular facilities and equipment; and would pay related costs, expenses, and fees for certain recreational or school activities and transportation needs.

The agreement authorized the Superintendent to renew the agreement annually on behalf of the School District. The Superintendent recommended approval.

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Dodgertown Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the First Presbyterian Church. The funds would be used for the Dodgertown Elementary School students and families below poverty level.
2. Treasure Coast Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Waterfront Properties and a donation in the amount of \$1,300 was received from the Reynolds Team. The funds would be used for the Treasure Coast Elementary School families in financial need.
3. Sebastian Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$3,000 from the Brackett Family Foundation. The funds would be used for the Sebastian Elementary School Academic Games 2016 competition.

Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Students Transfer from Indian River County for the Remainder of 2015-2016 School Year- Dr. Rynberg

Moved.

F. Approval of Student Transfer from Indian River County for 2016-2017 - Dr. Rynberg

Moved.

G. Approval of Student Admission to Indian River County for 2016-2017 - Dr. Rynberg

Moved.

H. Approval of Contract Renewal with School Board of Seminole County to Provide Reimbursement Services for the “School Match” Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program – Dr. Rynberg

The attached contract was a renewal contract for continuing services to provide Medicaid reimbursement services through the Administrative Claiming portion of the “Medicaid School Match” program. The School Board of Seminole County had been successfully participating as the lead billing agent for a consortium of 52 Florida Counties in the Administrative Claiming portion of this Medicaid program since October 2001. The School Board of Seminole County had received a renewal of their grant to cover the cost to other County School Districts. Therefore, there was no cost to the School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

I. Approval of Sebastian River High School Rowing Team Trip to Bethel, Ohio – Dr. Rynberg

Moved.

Item Added on 5/5/2016

J. Approval of Vero Beach High School Rowing Team Trip to Philadelphia, PA – Dr. Rynberg

Moved.

Items moved from Consent Agenda:

E. Approval of Students Transfer from Indian River County for the Remainder of 2015-2016 School Year- Dr. Rynberg

This was a request to attend schools in Brevard County for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. All necessary documents were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Student Transfer from Indian River County for 2016-2017 - Dr. Rynberg

This was a renewal request to attend school in Okeechobee County for the 2016-2017 school year. All necessary documents were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of Student Admission to Indian River County for 2016-2017 - Dr. Rynberg

This was a renewal request to attend school in Indian River County for 2016-2017 school year. All necessary documents were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Morrison answered a question regarding how FTE funding was paid when a student left the District. He said that since the student count was in February, there was no loss of FTE funds, if the student left for the remainder of the school year. Mr. McCain moved approval of Consent E, F, and G. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

I. Approval of Sebastian River High School Rowing Team Trip to Bethel, Ohio – Dr. Rynberg

Principal Todd Racine requested approval of Sebastian River High School Rowing Team to travel to Bethel, Ohio, May 25-29, 2016. The Team qualified to compete in the Scholastic Nationals. Travel arrangements and funding would be secured by the individual families and by fundraising activities. All necessary insurance information had been provided to Risk Management. Superintendent recommended approval.

Item Added on 5/5/2016

J. Approval of Vero Beach High School Rowing Team Trip to Philadelphia, PA – Dr. Rynberg

Principal Shawn O'Keefe requested approval of Vero Beach High School Rowing team to travel to Philadelphia, PA, May 18-22, 2016. The team had been invited to participate in the "Stotesbury Cup Regatta". Travel arrangements and funding would be secured by the individual families and fundraising activities. All necessary insurance information had been provided to Risk Management. Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Member asked why the requests had come in so late. Dr. Rendell stated that the teams were recently notified that they were qualified, after the last games were held. Mr. Searcy moved approval of Consent I and J. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval to Award RFP #2016-17 to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for a Single Point of Entry at Glendale Elementary School – Mr. Morrison

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was promulgated for a single point of entry at Glendale Elementary School. Scope of work included the demolition of the existing windows and wall to create a new visitor's entrance. There would be a remodel of the associated interior office area to provide for a new reception area, caseworker, and bookkeeper's office. A covered walkway would be installed to tie into the existing structure to establish a single point of entry, as per drawings provided by Song + Associates Architects. The financial impact to the District was the base bid of \$103,800 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$20,000 for a total amount of \$123,800. Award was being recommended not on the basis of price alone, but to the vendor whose submission contained the most advantageous combination of cost, qualifications, staff's experience, litigation, and recent projects/references. The Purchasing Department recommended award to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC as the lowest and best responsive; and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Attached was backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the award of RFP #2016-17 to Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for a single point of entry at Glendale Elementary School. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for Single Point of Entry at Glendale Elementary School (SDIRC #2016-17) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Pinnacle Construction of the Treasure Coast, LLC, for the Single Point of Entry project at Glendale Elementary School (SDIRC #2016-17) in the amount of \$123,800. The scope of work included demolition of the existing windows and wall to create a new visitor entrance and to establish a single point of entry, including the remodel of the associated interior office area to provide for a new reception area, caseworker, and bookkeeper office at Glendale Elementary School. A covered walkway would also be installed to tie into the existing structure, in accordance with engineered specifications and drawings.

The contract amount consisted of the Contractor's Base Bid in the amount of \$103,800.00 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$20,000.00 that included all construction costs associated with this project. The contract amount did not include engineering fees, at an estimated amount of \$19,000.00, for an overall total project cost of \$142,800. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for single point of entry at Glendale Elementary School (SDIRC #2016-17). Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Member asked about the contingency clause and the probability of overpayment. Mr. Morrison addressed the questions. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval to Award RFP #2016-14 to Complete Electric, Inc., for a Lift Station Generator at Fellsmere Elementary School – Mr. Morrison

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was promulgated for the installation of a natural gas generator for the lift station at Fellsmere Elementary. Drawings and specifications were provided by Ingenuity Engineers, Inc. The scope of work included the extension of the concrete mounting pad, electrical equipment rack, and chain link fencing. The financial impact to the District was \$46,850. Award was being recommended not on the basis of price alone but to the vendor whose submission contained the most advantageous combination of cost, qualifications, staff's experience, litigation, and recent projects/references. The Purchasing Department recommended the award to Complete Electric, Inc., as the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Attached was the backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Award of RFP #2016-14 to Complete Electric, Inc., for a lift station generator at Fellsmere Elementary School. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

D. Approval to Piggyback the City of Fort Pierce RFP #5965 and to Issue a Purchase Order to L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc., for Demolition of Buildings 1-5 at Beachland Elementary School – 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 L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc., to furnish all labor and equipment for demolition and removal of all debris for Buildings 1-E, 2-D, 3-B, 4-F, & 5-C and miscellaneous sidewalks, canopies, and asphalt at Beachland Elementary School. The estimated financial impact was \$190,815.00 that included a \$50,000.00 contingency. Pricing was as per the City of Fort Pierce RFP #5965. This bid expired September 30, 2016. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. McCain moved approval of the piggyback to the City of Fort Pierce RFP #5965 and to issue a purchase order to L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc., for demolition of buildings 1-5 at Beachland Elementary School. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Member asked why the contingency amount was so large, when the normal amount was 10%. Mr. Morrison said that the contingency was based on the evaluation of the condition of the school. If that amount was not spent, then the funds would be returned to the budget. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

E. Approval of Contract with L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc., for Demolition of Buildings 1-5 at Beachland Elementary School – Mr. Morrison

Attached please find the associated agreement form for Construction Contracted Services between the School Board of Indian River County, L.E.B Demolition, and Consulting Contractors, Inc., for labor and equipment for demolition and removal of debris for Beachland Elementary School Buildings 1-E, 2-D, 3-B, 4-F, & 5-C; and miscellaneous sidewalks, canopies, and asphalt in the amount of ~~\$198,815.00~~ \$190,815.00 that included a \$50,000.00 contingency, as per the terms and conditions of the City of Fort Pierce RFP #5965. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the contract with L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc., for demolition of buildings 1-5 at Beachland Elementary School. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

F. Approval to Award RFP #2016-15 to Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, and Frank for Auditing Services for Internal Accounts - Mr. Morrison

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was promulgated to enter into a continuing contract for an independent Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm who would perform financial audits on the District's internal accounts on an as-needed basis. The estimated annual financial impact to the District was \$15,000. Award was being recommended not on the basis of price alone, but to the vendor whose submission contained the most advantageous combination of fees, references, responsiveness to the proposal, and adequacy of staff to perform the services required.

The term of this RFP was from May 11, 2016, through May 10, 2017, and may, by mutual agreement between the Board and the awardees, be renewable for two additional one-year periods. All prices, terms, and conditions shall remain the same. The Purchasing Department was recommending award to Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, and Frank as the best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Please see attached contract and backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the award of RFP #2016-15 to Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, and Frank for Auditing Services for Internal Accounts. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell reported on the Discussion Session held at 1 p.m. at Pelican Island Elementary School that included a tour of the school's environmental greenhouses and nature trails.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Employee Health Insurance – Dr. Fritz

With the assistance of Aon, Dr. Fritz talked about the \$3.9 million health insurance premium deficit and the \$2.6 million deficit for Safe Harbor funds (money put aside for self-insured companies). He presented three scenarios based on feedback from the Board at the last workshop. Dr. Rendell stated that the figures being presented were based on (15 months) moving the annual enrollment date from July 1, 2016, to October 1, 2016. Board Member said that she wanted to know what the amount would be for 12 months and with backing out the deficit. A Board Member noted that union negotiations could prevent the District from moving forward. Board Members discussed how to cover the deficit, how to keep up with increased medical expenses, and how to keep it affordable for employees. Dr. Rendell summarized the Board's conversation by saying that the direction from the Board was to go with Option A, remain self-funded, and keep the Wellness Center. He said that he would bring back some hard dollar figures for the next conversation.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mr. Searcy attended the Golden Indian Induction Ceremony at Vero Beach Elementary School. He said that he would attend the Vero Beach Elementary Graduation.

Chairman Simchick attended the Sebastian River High School Scholarship Night, representing the Agnes Peebles Memorial Scholarship Program.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month ending March 31, 2016 -- Mr. Morrison

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

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing remarks.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.