

The District School Board of Indian River County met on May 24, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. The workshop 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: Claudia Jiménez and Charles G. Searcy. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. **Board Member, Matthew McCain, was not present.**

Superintendent’s Workshop Minutes

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman Simchick
- II. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP
Dr. Rendell stated that there were four items to go over and that he was going to add an update of the 2015-2016 Superintendent’s Goals, time permitting.
- III. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **District Management Council (DMC) Report – Dr. Rendell**
Attending were representatives from District Management Council: Sam Ribnick, Kristen Keen, and Melissa Donaher. The purpose of the discussion was to give the results of Phase I that focused on developing a deep understanding of current practices to support struggling students under the District’s Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department. The first task was to establish goals and assemble a Guiding Coalition Team. The second task was to share research on best practices and to gather data on current practices. The third and last task under Phase I was to provide diagnostic highlighting of the strengths and preliminary observations. Using a PowerPoint presentation, DMC Staff went over their findings. They also reviewed the next Phases in the two-year process. Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Rendell summarized what he considered the major outcomes of Phase I recommendations that included staff’s time management to ensure that they had more time working with students by taking away duties that could be done by other employees or could be handled more efficiently. He said that they would begin working on that right away.

Chairman called a five-minute break.

B. 2016-2017 Budget Priorities – Mr. Morrison

Mr. Morrison gave a presentation on the following areas:

- ❖ 2016-2017 State and Local Funding
- ❖ Draft of 2016-2017 Millage Rates and Sample Tax Bill
- ❖ Review Budget Impactors and Superintendent’s Budget Recommendations
- ❖ Draft of Estimate June 30, 2016, General Fund Balance
- ❖ Health Insurance Fund Discussion
- ❖ Discussion of Potential Outsourcing of District’s Ancillary Services

❖ Update on Millage Referendum

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Dr. Rendell said that staff would go over the figures before the next workshop to see if there was any way possible to increase the bottom line. He said that the issue with insurance would have to be resolved very soon. One Board Member cautioned the Board and staff to ensure that services for students were top priority.

Chairman called a five-minute break.

C. Code of Student Conduct Revisions – Dr. Torres-Martinez

Dr. Torres-Martinez gave an overview of the steps taken to ensure that all entities had an opportunity to give input on the revisions. Board Members were given a folder that included a “draft” copy of the Code with all changes in revision mode. Dr. Torres-Martinez reviewed the proposed changes. Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. One issue discussed at length was the Confederate Flag. Members from the community spoke to the Code. Dr. Rendell said that he would look into the procedures regarding how they were tracking students’ time out of the classrooms. Another discussion was in regard to disproportionate referrals by school. Dr. Rendell said that he would make the report, by school, available to the Board in the very near future. He said that overall, for the District, there was a reduction in the number of referrals.

D. Title I – Mrs. Blanco

Dr. Rendell asked to postpone the discussion on Title I until June 28.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick
Workshop adjourned at approximately 4:47 p.m.