

The District School Board of Indian River County met on July 26, 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 Dr. Husainy, from the Islamic Center of Indian River County.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Mr. Frost
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent for discussion. Mr. Searcy requested to move Consent J. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Orders of the Day, moving Consent J for discussion. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS  
No presentations.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT  
Brian Bender requested to speak.
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA  
Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda, moving Consent J to follow for discussion. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Ms. Jiménez congratulated Vero Beach High School Orchestra on their travel to Austria. She also spoke about the Literacy Grant and all efforts/programs behind the scenes that ensure the whole child was addressed in their educational experience.  
  
Dr. Rendell recognized six new Assistant Principals and Pamela Dampier, newly seated Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

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

1. Superintendent Workshop held 6/28/2016
2. Special Meeting held 6/28/2016
3. Business Meeting held 6/28/2016

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 Correction to 2016-2017 Administrative Salary Schedule – Dr. Fritz**

Minor errors were caused by the rounding of numbers on the 2016-2017 Administrative Salary Schedule. The corrections appeared in red font. The impact to the School District would be less than \$40.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

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

1. Vero Beach High School received a donation in the amount of \$3,197.74 from the Live Like Cole Foundation, Inc. The funds would be utilized to purchase uniforms for cheerleaders for the Vero Beach High School Cheerleading Program.
2. Osceola Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Indian River Community Foundation, Riefler Family Fund. The funds would benefit the Osceola Magnet School's new math series, Signapore Math.

Superintendent recommended approval.

**E. Approval to Declare as Surplus and Demolish Athletic Portables at VBHS – Mr. Morrison**

This request was for approval to declare as surplus and demolish five (5) portables at VBHS. These portables were currently being utilized by the Athletics Department and are in very poor condition and did not meet the standards outlined in Chapter 5, State Requirements for Educational Facilities. These units would be temporarily replaced with leased portables until the District was able to fund the relocation of concretables from the BCE site. Condition reports for these portables were attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

**F. Approval of Inventory Results – Mr. Morrison Approval for Annual Inventory Results – Mr. Morrison**

This request was for pursuant to Chapter 274.02 F.S. annual inventories were performed at each school/department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Attached, was a list by school/department of property not reconciled. It was requested that this property be deleted from the Fixed Asset Ledger. Superintendent recommended approval.

**G. Approval of Vero Beach High School's Orchestra Travel to Austria – Mrs. Dampier**

Principal O'Keefe requested approval for members of the Orchestra to travel to Austria from May 25, 2017, through June 3, 2017, to participate in the American Celebration of Music. All necessary information pertinent to insurance issues had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the School District. Attached was a copy of the itinerary. Superintendent recommended approval.

**H. Approval of Statewide Voluntary Prekindergarten Provider Contract with the Early Learning Coalition 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

This statewide contract outlined the agreement between the School Board and the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, Inc. This standard State contract was for the school year 2016-2017. The School District of Indian River County would deliver Voluntary Prekindergarten services during the school year to 128 four-year-old children at six school sites, which were: Dodgertown Elementary, Fellsmere Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Indian River Academy, Pelican Island Elementary, and Vero Beach Elementary in a total of 8, full-day, classrooms. Additionally, 2 classrooms would offer a half-day option to allow children on the waiting list to participate in a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program on an elementary school campus. Superintendent recommended approval.

**I. Approval of the Math Professional Development Pearson Contract 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

This professional development contract outlined a program for Pre-Algebra teachers in the District and would include 2, full days, of instruction on delivery of standards-based instruction and differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of every learner in the classroom setting. As a follow-up to ensure the training transfers to the classroom, there were 14 days of job-embedded support (coaching) that would consist of members of the Pearson team visiting classrooms to develop teacher capacity with delivering instruction. The Districts' Algebra EOC pass rate had hovered around the 50% mark since its inception in 2011. Algebra was the gateway course to not only further higher level mathematics instruction but also graduation from high school. Therefore, strengthening the foundational skills in Pre-Algebra classrooms would further support our teachers and support students in mastering the standards for Algebra I. In order to fund this training opportunity, \$55,000 was secured through grant writing by the Indian River Education Foundation and Department Staff in order to continue the work that began in the 2015-2016 school year for providing instructional support to teachers. Superintendent recommended approval.

**J. Approval of Agreement between the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC)/ Seminole County School Board and the School Board of Indian River County for 2016-17 – Mrs. Dampier**

Moved to follow the Consent Agenda.

**K. Approval of Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

This discretionary/continuation grant would provide the Technical Center with funds (\$161,885) that would enable the school to continue the District's efforts to provide quality literacy education to adults and to English Language Learners. The Technical Center for Career and Adult Education (TCCA) served 671 students who enrolled in GED/ABE/ESL in 2015-2016. TCCA collaborated with several agencies in an effort to better serve the citizens of Indian River County. No cost to the School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**L. Approval of Contract Renewals for Childcare Providers for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

The contracts outlined the respective responsibilities of the School District and local childcare providers to continue services to children of teen parents participating in the District's Teen Parent Program. There were approximately 20 families that participated in the program. In accordance with Florida Statute 1003.54, School Districts are required to provide childcare services to the children of teen parents participating in this dropout prevention program. Indian River County utilizes several local centers for this purpose. Currently under this proposal were the following childcare providers: First Impressions Daycare and Preschool, Tiny Treasures/Learning Nest, RCMA/Whispering Pine, Ross Small World Childcare, TLC of Sebastian, and Williams Childcare. Cost to the District was offset by the FTE earned by the program. The childcare fees have remained the same as last year. Superintendent recommended approval.

**M. Approval of 2016-2017 Transportation Bus Routes – Dr. Fritz**

Approval was requested for the 2016-2017 Bus Transportation Routes for Indian River County Schools. Bus routes were subject to change throughout the school year dependent upon student utilization of services and school program needs. Superintendent recommended approval.

**N. Approval of the 2016- 2017 Charter School Transportation Agreements – Dr. Fritz**

Attached were the 2016-2017 Transportation Agreements with Imagine Charter School, North County Charter School, Sebastian Charter Junior High School and St. Peter's Academy to provide transportation, substitute bus drivers, and spare buses for students of the charter schools. These agreements were for one year. The charter schools agreed to reimburse the District for the actual costs associated with transporting students. Superintendent recommended approval.

**O. Approval of 2016-2017 Transportation Service Agreement – Dr. Fritz**

The agreement was to provide transportation for a one-year period from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017, for Kids and Nurses PPEC Center. The service to be provided was transportation from designated pick-up locations to sites in Indian River County for PPEC sponsored programs and back from PPEC sponsored programs to the designated pick-up locations. No cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

Moved from Consent:

**J. Approval of Agreement between the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC)/ Seminole County School Board and the School Board of Indian River County for 2016-17 – Mrs. Dampier**

The purpose of the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) was to provide technical assistance to a collaborative network of member School Districts regarding selective programs contained in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The ESEA programs were: Title I Part A, Title I Part C, and other grant funded programs as they interact with the Title I Program. ECTAC provided educational consultation services that assist local School Districts in their efforts to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. The School District of Indian River County had been an ECTAC member District since 1999. The membership renewal fee was \$12,000 and Title I Part A funds were designated for ECTAC services. The agreement would be in effect through June 30, 2017. Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Member asked how the District was measuring success. Mrs. Dampier said that she would research the question and get back to the Board. Mr. Frost moved approval to Postpone until staff had an opportunity to present ways in which return on investment was measured. Chairman Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval to Award RFP #2016-18 to Proctor Construction Company, LLC for a New Cafeteria and Classroom Building Addition at Beachland Elementary - Mr. Morrison**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was promulgated to obtain firm pricing for a cafeteria and classroom building addition at Beachland Elementary. The financial impact to the District was \$7,019,424.30 which included \$19,000 for Alternate 1 (vapor control primer for first floor slab) and a 5% owner added contingency in the amount of \$334,258.30. 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, pending litigation, recent projects/references. Staff also considered adverse attestation or audit findings. The Purchasing Department recommended award to Proctor Construction Company, LLC, as the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Backup was attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Carver, Director of Purchasing, spoke to the process and answered questions, along with Mr. Morrison and Dr. Rendell. Mr. McCain moved approval to award RFP #2016-18 to Proctor Construction Company, LLC for a new cafeteria and classroom building addition at Beachland Elementary School. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried, 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 Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for New Cafeteria and Classroom Addition Beachland Elementary (SDIRC #2016-18) – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Proctor Construction Company for the New Cafeteria and Classroom Building Addition project at Beachland Elementary School (SDIRC #2016-17) in the amount of \$7,019,424.30. The scope of work included the construction of a new cafetorium and a classroom building. The classroom building would provide additional educational space and would increase the school's permanent capacity to 650 student stations. The new cafetorium would allow for a modern kitchen and an increase in cafeteria seating. The contract amount consisted of the Contractor's Base Bid in the amount of \$6,666,166.00, Alternate 1 in the amount of \$19,000.00 and a 5% owner added contingency in the amount of \$334,258.30 that included all construction costs associated with this project. The contract amount did not include Architect /Engineering fees at an estimated amount of \$595,000.00, Demolition fees at an estimated amount of \$205,000.00, and FF&E at an estimated amount of \$180,500.00, for an overall total project cost of \$7,999,924.30. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for New Cafeteria and Classroom Addition Beachland Elementary (SDIRC #2016-18) to Proctor Construction Company. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the motion and asked questions. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval to Award RFQ #2017-01 to Multiple Vendors for Continuing Contracts for Architectural Services - Mr. Morrison**

The Facilities, Planning and Construction Department requested that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) be promulgated for professional architectural services. The purpose of this RFQ was to award multiple firms to provide services on an as-needed basis pursuant to School Board Policy 6330, The Florida Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) F.S. 287-055, Florida Statutes Chapter 1013, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-2.0010. The annual financial impact as estimated by our Facilities and Planning Department was \$1,000,000. The Facilities Department would assign projects to the awarded firms on a rotating or best fit selection. Small projects

were defined as projects whose construction cost was less than \$500,000. Large projects were defined as projects whose construction cost was \$501,000 or greater as identified in the Five Year Capital Plan. The individual projects assigned under this contract would be limited to those with an estimated construction cost that does not exceed \$2 million and for study activity fees that do not exceed \$200,000. The term of this RFQ was from July 27, 2016, through July 26, 2017, and may, by mutual agreement between the Board and the awardees, be renewable for two additional one-year periods. It was recommended that this RFQ be awarded to Donadio & Associates Architects, P.A., Edlund, Dritenbas, Binkley Architects & Associates, P.A., Harvard Jolly Architecture and Song + Associates, Inc. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the award RFQ #2017-01 to Multiple Vendors for continuing contracts for Architectural Services. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mr. Morrison gave an example of a small and large project as requested. It was noted that projects that exceeded \$50,000 would be brought to the Board for approval. Mr. Carver explained the process that would provide a pool, without the lengthy process of obtaining an RFQ for every project. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of the Equal Opportunity Schools Contract for 2016-2018 School Years—Mrs. Dampier**

This contract represented a collaboration agreement between the School District of Indian River County and the Equal Opportunity Schools to identify and upgrade African American students who could be successful in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses and were not currently enrolled in those courses. Challenging high school courses contained the academic intensity of the high school curriculum and was the biggest driver of college completion. The objectives that were outlined in this memorandum of understanding were: fully close race and income participation gaps in AP/IB by the fall of 2017, raise AP/IB performance by Spring of 2018, and develop systems for the District to sustain and improve upon these results in future years. The cost for this initiative was \$48,800.00 plus travel. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that with the cost for travel, the maximum cost would not exceed \$58,800. He said that this was in line with our initiative to improve academic success for our African-American students in advanced course work. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Equal Opportunity Schools Contract for 2016-2018 School Years. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. It was noted that the District goal was to close the achievement gap and sustain the improvement. Board Member confirmed with Dr. Rendell that these funds would not be paid from the \$80,000 budget that was set aside.

Dr. Rendell noted that, after the District was trained, the services would no longer be needed. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of Agreement between Consulate Health Care and School District of Indian River County for 2016-2018 – Mrs. Dampier**

This Agreement reflected a cooperative spirit between this health institution and the School Board in delivering clinical experiences to the students enrolled in Technical Center for Career and Adult Education Nursing programs over the next two years begin July 2016. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement between Consulate Health Care and School District of Indian River County for 2016-2018. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Rendell addressed the recent school grades. He talked about the change from FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) to FSA (Florida State Assessment) test and changes to the formula for calculating school grades. Mr. Green presented a PowerPoint on the history of the grading system and changes since 1999 to present. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were offered to those in attendance. Learning gains calculation hurt eight of the schools’ grades. Mr. Green stated that they sent an appeal for Dodgertown Elementary School to recalculate to include 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students who took summer school and moved on to the next grade level. Dr. Rendell stated that, by Statute, families would be sent letters to offer students attending Vero Beach Elementary and Dodgertown Elementary an opportunity to attend a couple schools that had a “C” grade or higher, with transportation provided.

**IX. DISCUSSION**

No discussion items

**X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS**

Ms. Jiménez thanked the Superintendent for providing information on school grades.

**XI. INFORMATION AGENDA**

No information items

**XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S CLOSING**

No closing.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.