

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 27, 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 Victor Begg of the Islamic Center of the Treasure Coast.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Presentation of Colors by Vero Beach High School’s Air Force Junior ROTC Detachment 043 under the Direction of Wade E. Dues, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired), Aerospace USAF Science Instructor.
- III. **ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**  
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent Agenda. Hearing no requests, she called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Orders of the Day. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Musical Rendition by Osceola Magnet School**  
Instrumental performance by Osceola Magnet School Students
  - B. Short Video on School Initiatives**  
Spotlight Video featured William Briggs, a student a Gifford Middle School and State Merit Award Winner for the State of Florida in the 3M and Discovery Education Young Scientist Challenge. He invented a physical therapy device to help his brother.
  - C. Florida Healthy School District, Silver Status Recognition**  
(Moved to the November 22 meeting)
  - D. 2016 Industry Appreciation Award, Government Building Renovation, Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl – Ms. Caseltine**  
Ms. Caseltine presented a certificate to the District from the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the renovation of the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl.
  - E. Five Star School Award to Oslo Middle School**  
This award was created by Commissioner’s Community Involvement Council for exemplary community involvement. Principal Beth Hoffer accepted the Five Star School Award on behalf of Oslo Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. She recognized the Feeding the Lambs mentoring group for their services at the school.

**F. Florida State Assessment (FSA) Perfect Scores, Secondary Student Recognition**

Secondary students were recognized by the District School Board and Superintendent of Schools for perfect scores in at least one area of the test. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement from the Governor's Office

**V. CITIZEN INPUT**

Suzy Gard requested to speak on Back the Badge, a new County organization and its support of National Night Out.

Joyreah McNeal requested to speak.

Maureen Weisberg requested to speak.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

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

1. Special Meeting Adoption of Millage Rates and Budget held 9/8/2016
2. Discussion Session held 9/13/2016
3. Business Meeting held 9/13/2016

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 Master In-service Plan for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier**

Pursuant to Sections 1011.22, 1012.98, and 1011.62 of the Florida Statutes and Board of Education Rule 6A-5071, each District shall develop and maintain an in-service education and training program for all employees based on an assessment of training needs in the District and local schools. A copy of the entire plan was available in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. This plan outlined rules and procedures. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

**D. Approval of Revised Budget Amendment – Mr. Morrison**

Approval of revised Budget Amendment for Extended Day. Superintendent recommended approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval of Resolution #2017-06 TAN, Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2016 –Mr. Morrison**

The purpose of this action was to adopt the attached Resolution #2017-06 authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN), Series 2016, in the amount of \$7.8 million to provide interim funds for the payment of operating expenses. On August 23, 2016, the School Board authorized the District's financial advisor, Ford & Associates, Inc., and appropriate staff to distribute a Request for Proposals to qualified financial institutions to solicit bids for the purchase of the TAN. The District received three responses to the RFP. Upon consultation with the financial advisor, District staff determined that Wells Fargo Municipal Capital Strategies, LLC ("WFMCS") offered the lowest and best bid for the TAN at an interest rate of 0.98%, conditioned on the TAN being issued on or before September 29, 2016. The Resolution approved the issuance of the TAN, accepted the offer of WFMCS to purchase the TAN, authorized the Chairman, the Superintendent, and appropriate staff to execute the necessary documents for the TAN, and to take all other necessary actions in connection with the issuance of the TAN. The issuance of the TAN was required in order to provide necessary, short-term financing to position the District in such a manner that it was able to meet projected cash flow deficits of the General Fund and a working Capital Reserve. Superintendent recommended approval.

Citizen Input Request:

Bob Auwaerter requested to speak under Action A.

Dr. Rendell spoke to the process and purpose of the Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Morrison noted for the record that the requested amount was adjusted from \$7.8 million to \$7.3 million. Jon Ford from Ford and Associates went over the process for Request for Proposals to qualified financial institutions to solicitation of bids for the purchase of the TAN. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of Resolution #2017-06 TAN, Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2016. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the process, the need, and the motion. Mrs. D'Agresta explained to the Board that the Resolution contained all information regarding the tax anticipation note, including the associated costs to the District. Board Members talked about budgeting and legislative changes needed to support education adequately and timely.

Chairman Simchick called for a roll call vote on the motion from Ms. Stang as follows:

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

The motion carried, with a 3-2 vote.

**B. Approval of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the 2017-2021 Fiscal Years – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years 2017-2021. This was the final version of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program that was reviewed at the Board Workshop held on June 28, 2016. Included in the packet for approval was the Capital Project Revenues and Other Financing Sources Projections for the Fiscal Years 2017-2021, the Summary of the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017-2021, and the detailed project pages. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the 2017-2021 Fiscal Years. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the motion. Mr. Morrison, in answer to a question, said that he would check to see if the Freshman Learning Center water system amount of \$350,000 was a duplicate. He also noted that the Gifford Middle School roof project was not a hazard but was on the scheduled list due to age. Board Members discussed the millage levy for facility projects and the cost of relocating portables. The Board voted 4-1 in favor of the motion. Mr. Searcy, Mr. McCain, Ms. Jiménez, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Frost voted against the motion.

**C. Approval of 2016-2017, 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan – Mr. Morrison**

Approval was recommended for the 2016-2017, 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan for the School District of Indian River County. The financial information contained in the Work Plan was based on the fiscal years 2017-2021 District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (as detailed in the previous agenda item). In addition, the Work Plan contained information from the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH), the Educational Plant Survey, and the Florida Department of Education Cohort Projections, with the information from these sources being effective as of July 1, 2016. The 2016-2017, 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan was a requirement of Florida Department of Education and was due on October 1, 2016, as per State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) Section 2.1(1)(d)1. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the 2016-2017, 5-Year District Facilities Work Plan. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Mr. Searcy, Mr. McCain, Ms. Jiménez, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Frost voted against the motion.

**D. Approval of Selection of FOCUS School Software for Enterprise Resource Planning System - Mr. Morrison**

Pursuant to Florida Administrative Rule 6A-1.012, copyrighted software was formal bid exempt; however, a staff committee comprised of multiple ERP user departments evaluated the presentations of four ERP providers and determined Focus School Software, Inc., to be the best fit. In addition to its highly robust functionality, Focus was also the lowest cost option and the final negotiated contract was expected to be well below the approved budget. FOCUS School Software would replace the District's current ERP System, TERMS. This system was used for Payroll, Human Resources, Employee Self Service, Fixed Assets, Budgeting, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Student Activity Accounts, and Warehouse. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the selection of FOCUS school software for Enterprise Resource Planning System. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members noted that the cost should be included in the descriptive paragraph. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval of District's Digital Classroom Plan for 2016-2017 – Mr. Green**

As required by Florida Statute 1011.62(12)(b), each School District would receive a Florida Digital Classrooms allocation to support School District efforts and strategies to improve outcomes related to student performance by integrating technology in classroom teaching and learning. Each District School Board shall submit to the Department of Education a School Board approved Digital Classrooms Plan (DCP) prior to October 1, 2016. Funds provided to the District through this allocation would be used to purchase wireless devices necessary for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to access and interact with secondary digital curriculum and other digital instructional resources. The allocation would also fund two Application Support Specialist positions to support the expansion of the District's Digital Innovation Initiative (DI2) by providing the necessary professional development to teachers. The total allocation to the District was \$772,312. Each charter school in the District would receive a pro-rata share of the allocation based on student FTE. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the District's Digital Classroom Plan for 2016-2017. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members discussed the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Rendell announced that Wednesday was *Dad, Take your Child to School Day*, with school activities in the morning. He also mentioned college night at the Simon Mall in Vero Beach, with various college representatives and opportunities.

IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mr. Searcy asked whether or not the Vero Beach High School's Half Hour Inn was closing. Dr. Rendell said that the new teacher from Sebastian was actually going to expand the program. Mr. Searcy encouraged the use of the facility by the community.

Mr. Frost represented the School Board at the 2016 Industry Appreciation Luncheon at the Richardson Center. He thanked Ms. Caseltine for making the presentation to the School District this evening. Mr. Frost thanked the Veteran's Group for the invitation to the POW/MIA Ceremony at the Victory Store and for the Veteran's in the Classroom Program.

Chairman Simchick thanked students and their teacher from Osceola Magnet School for their musical presentation.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing statement.

XIII. Conduct a Closed Session on Pending Litigation: Charter Schools 0.6 Millage Funding Dispute

Chairman Simchick read the following for the record:

**A. Estimated Duration of the Closed Session was 60 Minutes.**

**B. Names of Those Who will attend the Closed Session:**

Dale Simchick, Chairman

Shawn R. Frost, Vice Chairman

Charles G. Searcy, Board Member

Claudia Jiménez, Board Member

Matthew McCain, Board Member

Mark J. Rendell, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Suzanne D'Agresta, Esq., School Board Attorney

Vivian Cocotas, Esq., Garganése Weiss & D'Agresta

Certified Court Reporter

Chairman Simchick recessed the business meeting at 7:31 p.m. to discuss settlement negotiations and/or strategy related to litigation expenditures. She noted for the record that the session was to be recorded by a certified court reporter and held in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

XIV. Reopen Public Meeting

Chairman Simchick reconvened the business meeting at 8:28 p.m.

XV. Action Agenda

**A. Possible Action on Charter Schools 0.6 Millage Funding Dispute**

Chairman Simchick asked Board Attorney, Suzanne D'Agresta, Esq., to state the action requested. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the requested litigation budget of, not to exceed, \$81,000.00. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Mr. Searcy, Mr. McCain, Ms. Jiménez, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Frost voted against the motion.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Simchick adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.