

The District School Board of Indian River County met on September 27, 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 Board Workshop Minutes

- I. Workshop was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP
Dr. Rendell stated that he had four topics to talk about. He introduced the topics.
- III. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Student Progression Plan**
Dr. Rendell noted that the Plan was updated every year to include the changes put forward by the Florida Department of Education. A copy of the proposed changes was given to the Board and available for the community membership that were present at the workshop. Mrs. Dampier highlighted major changes that were included in the 2016-2017 Plan. Board Members and Community Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.
 - B African American Achievement Plan**
Mrs. Dampier stated that the Plan had originated as a result of the Desegregation Order of 1969 (Court Order), with the primary focus on desegregation of schools in Indian River County. Ms. Long stated that the Plan (Court Order) was updated in 1994 to the Revised Approving Plan. The District created a Multicultural Achievement Plan to improve the academic achievement of minority (Black) students in Indian River County. Utilizing a PowerPoint, Ms. Long said that in 2015-2016 the District worked on a revised plan of action that was renamed to the *African American Achievement Plan*. The new plan was presented to Multicultural Coordinators, Principals, Assistant Principals, and the African American Achievement Committee that was comprised of District and School personnel, as well as community members, to elicit feedback. Mrs. Berg presented the 2016-2017 Plan goals and data that was included in the revised Action Plan under the following goal topics:
 - Academic Achievement
 - Participation in Advanced Coursework
 - Professional Development
 - Diverse Staff

Board Members and Community Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. There was a lengthy discussion around effective, mentoring opportunities, and the selection of the Multicultural Coordinators.

Chairman Simchick called for a recess at 2:27 p.m. She reconvened the workshop at 2:36 p.m. Mr. Searcy arrived a few minutes later.

C. Computer Testing Demonstration for Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Dr. Rendell, in response to a question on kindergarten and first grade computer testing, asked Mr. Green and Mrs. Dampier to present a live demonstration of the K-1 iReady computer test, with pictures taken from actual students utilizing the iReady testing system. Mr. Green said that the tutorial, practice, and test were tied into the system, creating an individual learning level for each student. Board Members and Community Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mrs. Berg said that students would not even realize they were taking a quiz because it pops up when the system knows that the student was ready to take the test. Students were able to practice at home through the student portal.

D. Food and Nutrition Services

Dr. Rendell stated that Mr. McCarty from Food and Nutrition Services Department would present an update on delivery and nutritional upgrades. Mr. McCarty, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, presented data on the mobile feeding sites that increased to two mobile buses, with the donation of a second bus from a community member. Next year the goal was to have three mobile buses for the summer feeding sites with breakfast and lunch meals being served to area children in need. Dr. Rendell mentioned that the Book Mobile (trailer), sponsored by the Learning Alliance through community donations, was taken to several locations over the summer—a/k/a Feed and Read. All of the food, supplies, and staff costs were paid by Federal funds. Traci Simonton, Food Service Specialist, and Mellisa Toperzer, Cafeteria Manager at Liberty Magnet School, presented information on the improved healthier meals, semi-scratch items, product testing, and smart snacks. Mr. McCarty presented cost saving opportunities and the free and reduced verification process. Board Members discussed the free and reduced verification process at length. Chairman Simchick asked to see a copy of the application for free and reduced lunch program. Community members were given an opportunity to speak to the Food Services program.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick
Workshop adjourned at approximately 4:06 p.m.