

The District School Board of Indian River County met on October 11, 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 the Chairman led those in attendance in a moment of silence.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
Chairman Simchick called for a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Matthew both here and abroad.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Sebastian River High School’s Navy Junior ROTC under the Direction of (Lieutenant Commander) LCDR James Landis USN (Retired) and (Master Sergeant) MSgt. Michael Hussey USMC (Retired)

- III. ADOPTION OF THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wished to move from the Consent Agenda. Board Members requested to move Consent B item #12 and Consent C. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Orders of the Day, moving Consent B #12 and Consent C. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Proclamation in Support of Indian River State College being named a Top Ten National Finalist for 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence**
Vero Beach High School Dual Enrollment Student, Lonnie Ingram, read a Proclamation recognizing Indian River State College as a top-ten national finalist for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence for the second year in a row. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Proclamation as read. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
 - B. District’s National School Bus Safety Poster Contest Winners**
District students were recognized by the District School Board and Superintendent for placing in the State Poster Competition about bus safety.

C. Proclamation for Anti-Bullying Month

Every October schools and organizations across the country joined in observation of National Bullying Prevention Month. Oslo Middle School Student, Jimmy McKinney, read the Proclamation. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Proclamation as read. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Musical Rendition by Gifford Middle School

The Gifford Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Matthew Stott, performed a rendition of Eagles' Pride and Going to Boston.

E. Short Video on School Initiatives

Walk to School Day at Dodgertown Elementary School.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Maurice Davis requested to speak on employment termination.

Roseanne Brown requested to speak on Mr. Davis.

Margaret Benton, Esq., requested to speak on M. Davis, Teacher.

Michael McCabe requested to speak on hurricane shelters.

Christina DeFalco requested to speak on my children's education.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Consent Agenda moving Consent B #12 and Consent C. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Workshop on Policy Revisions held 9/27/2016
2. Superintendent Workshop held 9/27/2016
3. Business Meeting held 9/27/2016

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. (Item #12 was moved.) Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Out of Field Teachers Report – Dr. Fritz

This item was moved.

D. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval to dispose of surplus property in accordance with Florida Statutes 274.05 and 274.06. The attached lists represented property to be deleted from various inventories and/or for items that had been declared surplus. After Board approval, property would be recycled and/or auctioned. Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Agreement with Somerset House for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Certified Nursing Assistant training requirement was for each student to participate in a 40-hour clinical prior to taking the Certified Nursing Assistant Exam. This agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Somerset House enabled students to participate in that clinical internship. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with Somerset House to provide students with the opportunity to complete their clinical experience. Instruction and supervision would be delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. There was no cost to the School District for the clinical internship. The contract had been reviewed by the Board Attorney and approved. The certificate of insurance had been reviewed by Risk Management and approved. Superintendent recommended approval.

Items moved from Consent Agenda

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

Attached was item #12 Support Staff Employment, Collective Bargaining Team Secretaries for IRCEA and CWA, from the list of personnel recommendations. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Fritz stated that each position had a stipend of \$600.00 per year. Mr. McCain moved approval of item #12. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Out of Field Teachers Report – Dr. Fritz

Approval was recommended for the attached Out-of-Field Teachers Report for the first semester. The Report included teachers who were out-of-field for course work, not Highly Qualified, or who were out-of-field or out-of-compliance for ESOL. A copy of the Report was attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that twice a year (October and February) the District was required to report to the State any teachers that were teaching out of field or did not have an ESOL endorsement. He was pleased to report that the numbers were 40% lower than last year. This year only 33 teachers or 2.6% of the entire teaching staff was out of field. The ESOL numbers went from 123 last year to 100 this year. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Out-of-Field Teachers Report. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell stated that the time granted to obtain certification depended upon the requirements for the specific subject area. He explained the process and follow up by Human Resources Department. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Student Progression Plan for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

The State Board of Education required each District to maintain a Student Progression Plan that outlined policies and procedures related to promotion and retention. The District Student Progression Plan helped to ensure that the required program of study, placement, promotion, reporting, retention, and assessment procedures were equitable and comprehensive; thereby, providing accountability for all students. The School District of Indian River County's Student Progression Plan had been revised to reflect legislative changes and had been edited for clarification. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that changes that were requested by Board Members had been incorporated into the Plan. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Student Progression Plan for 2016-2017. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell stated that the Plan was available on the District website. Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the Student Progression Plan for 2016-2017 unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Request for Additional Funds for Unitary Status Project – Dr. Rendell

In order to complete the next phase of work in the pursuit of Unitary Status, the District requested to extend the contract with the firm of HuschBlackwell. The total cost for this additional work was \$55,000. Superintendent recommended approval.

Citizen Input:

Dr. Warrior requested to speak.

Dr. Rendell stated that as this was a legal matter; therefore, no backup information was provided. He said that this work would cover the expenses through the end of December. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the request for additional funds and to extend the contract with the firm of HuschBlackwell for unitary status project. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. Mrs. D'Agresta spoke to the law regarding attorney work product being attorney/client privileged information. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval to Set Public Hearing Date to Adopt New and Revised School Board Policies – Dr. Rendell

On September 27, 2016, the District School Board discussed new and revised Board Policies and requested to move forward with the adoption process. The purpose of the revisions was to be consistent with present practice and legislation. The Public Hearing and adoption would be held during the regular business meeting on November 22, 2016. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Frost moved approval to set a Public Hearing date of November 22, 2016, to adopt new and revised School Board policies. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

Added on 10/5/2016

D. Approval to Award RFQ #04-0-2017JC for Citrus Bowl Phased Renovations to Proctor Construction Company - Mr. Morrison

The Facilities, Planning, and Construction Department requested that a Request for Qualifications for Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) be promulgated for Phased Renovations of the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl. The scope of work consisted of the removal of the existing restrooms, the reconstruction of new ADA compliant restrooms, the removal of the existing home locker room, the reconstruction of a new ADA compliant home locker room, and the removal of the visitors' locker room portables. As per the 5-Year Capital Outlay Budget, \$3,400,000 had been budgeted for construction for this phase of the project. As per Florida Statutes Ch. 287.055 F.S., it was recommended that negotiations proceed with Proctor Construction Company. Please see attached backup. Individual score sheets were on file in the Purchasing Department. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to award RFQ #04-0-217JC for Citrus Bowl Phased Renovations to Proctor Construction Company. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the motion. Mr. Carver explained the ranking process under Phase II. Dr. Rendell stated that once the initial work had begun, the requirement was to bring the entire facility up to code. The District filed for an exemption regarding the elevator (approximately \$250,000 cost) and was awaiting a response from the Department of Education. Mrs. D'Agresta addressed the procedure in the event that the Board voted to reject all bids. Dr. Rendell and Mr. Carver explained the timeline that would greatly impact the 2017-2018 school year. After discussing the issue at length, the Board voted 4-1 in favor of the motion. Mr. McCain, Ms. Jiménez, Mr. Frost, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell reported on the hurricane shelters that were managed by the Red Cross and manned, in part, by District Staff, with bus drivers providing transportation to the shelters. He thanked all District Staff and community responders. Dr. Rendell said that all schools opened on Monday under normal operations.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Outsourcing District Maintenance and Janitorial Services – Mr. Searcy

Dr. Rendell stated for the record that there had been no direction from the Board to outsource any of the maintenance or custodial services. He said that last spring, the District explored whether or not there would be a significant cost savings to the budget but there was no movement toward outsourcing services. Dr. Rendell said that the District did, however, contract with outside services to fill in as needed as substitute custodians.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Ms. Jiménez thanked Mr. Stott and students for their musical performance and recognized Ms. Spivey in Risk Management for her knowledge and time. She thanked all staff for supporting the District.

Chairman Simchick thanked all staff, community, and emergency services for their services to the community during the hurricane. She spoke of the thanks being expressed for the school shelters, especially the pet shelter.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month Ending July 2016 - Mr. Morrison

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

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing statement.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.