

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 14, 2017, 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 Charles G. Searcy, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Dale Simchick, Laura Zorc, and Tiffany M. Justice. 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 Rev. Graham Bingham of First Presbyterian Church.

Business Meeting Minutes

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chairman Searcy announced that School Board Member, Shawn Frost, would attend the meeting by telephone. Mr. Frost acknowledged his presence.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy.
Chairman Searcy requested a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of John Keller, a former Student Support Specialist with the School District.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY: Sebastian River High School’s Navy Junior RTC under the Direction of (Lieutenant Commander) LCDR James Landis USN (Retired) and (Master Gunny Sergeant) MSgt. Michael Hussey USMC (Retired)
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Searcy asked Board Members if they had any items to move from Consent. Hearing no requests, Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Orders of the Day. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Casual for a Cause, The Salvation Army**
The December 8, 2016, cause was The Salvation Army. Accepting the check in the amount of \$3,148 was Lieutenant Johnathan Needham.
 - B. Musical Rendition by Liberty Magnet School Students**
Under the direction of Ms. Sherry St. Petery, the Liberty Magnet School’s Eagle Sound Ensemble performed.
 - C. Short Video on School Initiatives**
International Baccalaureate Students from Sebastian River High School worked with 2nd grade students at Liberty Magnet School on science projects.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Liz Cannon requested to speak on Administrator Surveys.

Jerryliane Castro, student, requested to speak on peer mentoring for Autistic Students.

Michael Marsh requested to speak on ESE Department and kids.

Bill Wood requested to speak on inclusion program.

Bonnie Julin requested to speak on student behavior.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Special Meeting held 2/23/2017
2. Superintendent's Board Workshop held 2/28/2017
3. Business Meeting held 2/28/2017

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 Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Vero Beach Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,200 from DonorsChoose.org. The funds would be used to help with the cost for the Vero Beach Elementary Safety Patrol's 2017 field trip to Universal Studio in Orlando, Florida.
2. Liberty Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the George E. Warren Corporation. The funds would be used for the Liberty Magnet School Golf Tournament fundraiser.
3. Dodgertown Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Los Angeles Dodgers, LLC. The funds would be used to purchase books for Dodgertown Elementary School students who were in need.

Superintendent recommended approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of Request for Additional Funds for Partial Unitary Status Negotiations – Dr. Rendell

In order for Husch Blackwell to continue discussions with counsel for NAACP regarding the draft proposed joint motion for partial unitary status, a budget was needed for January – June 2017 to cover negotiations and drafting fees. The cost for the work during this period of time would be up to, but not to exceed, \$75,000. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the request for additional funds for partial unitary status negotiations. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. In response, Dr. Rendell gave an overview of the direction given to him 18 months ago by the seated Board and gave the background on the firm that was hired and the progress made towards unitary status. He reported that, to date, the District had spent \$203,580. Dr. Rendell said that it was reasonable to expect to have unitary status within four years. Currently, Husch Blackwell had submitted a “draft” proposal to the NAACP for a Joint Agreement for Partial Unitary Status and were awaiting a response. Board Members discussed keeping the legal costs down and the need to move forward towards unitary status. Board Members voted unanimously, in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval to Piggyback Bid NJPA 100614 CDW Technology Catalog (100614#CDW) to Purchase Classroom Projectors from CDW-G. - Mr. Green

CDW-G will provide the District with 300 classroom projectors. The projectors would be used to replace failing projectors district-wide. The cost impact would be \$127,500.00 and the quote was attached. This item would be funded through the 0.6 voter approved millage. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval to piggyback Bid NJPA 100614 CDW Technology Catalog (100614#CDW) to purchase classroom projectors from CDW-G. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Board Members had an opportunity to ask questions. In response, Mr. Green said that .35 of the .6 was used each year for technology. Mr. Morrison said that the millage produced approximately \$8 million per year. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval to Purchase Audio/Visual Interactive Upgrades for Various Schools from United Data Technologies (UDT) through the State Term Contract # 880-000-09-1, the Epson Indian River Bid # 61171, and Lee County RFP # R127035JM – Mr. Green

UDT would provide the District with equipment and installation services to upgrade 139 classrooms with an interactive A/V system. These upgrades would allow students to interact directly with classroom technology for a more engaging instructional experience. The classroom installation breakdown was as follows: Beachland Elementary – 19, Freshman Learning Center – 3, Osceola Magnet – 6, Rosewood Magnet – 39, Sebastian Elementary – 38, Treasure Coast Elementary – 30, and Wabasso - 4. The cost impact would be \$440,273.40 and the quotes were attached. This item would be funded through the 0.6 voter approved millage. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval to purchase audio/visual interactive upgrades for various schools from United Data Technologies (UDT) through the State Term Contract # 880-000-09-1, the Epson Indian River Bid # 61171, and Lee County RFP # R127035JM. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Board Members had an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Green explained how the Smart Boards would be used in classrooms. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell stated that the District was in the information gathering stage to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan. He thanked the community, teachers, staff, and individual groups for their input into the process.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Board's Audit Committee and Land Use and Acquisition Committee Members – Chairman Searcy

Chairman asked Board Members to submit their recommendations for committee membership for adoption at the next business meeting.

B. Board Photos – Mrs. Justice

Board Members discussed the idea of including all Board Members in photos during presentations.

C. Request for a Presentation at a Workshop on Vocational Technical Plan – Mrs. Zorc

Dr. Rendell said that he would place a presentation item on either the March 28 workshop or at the business meeting. Board Member requested budget information for the presentation. Dr. Rendell said that he would include short-term and long-term plans regarding the conversion of the ACE Center into a Technical Center. He said there would be no cost to the District to execute the plan.

D. Update on the 1095 Forms – Mrs. Zorc

Dr. Rendell stated that the contracted company was responsible for the costs of security breach software. Dr. Fritz said that there was no cost for the initial mailing of the forms and the company would pay for security breach software and corrected forms would be mailed. Board Member suggested that the District distribute these forms through the automated system, Doculivity. Dr. Fritz noted that next year the mandate may be changed to eliminate the form requirement. Dr. Rendell said that he would explore the possibility of having the forms distributed through Doculivity.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mrs. Zorc reported on her meetings with Principals. She said that she was in the beginning stages of preparing a list of budget needs for the Schools.

Mrs. Simchick talked about the Salvation Army's history and contributions to the Community. She also talked about the Firefighter's Fair and their contributions to our community, schools, and sports. Mrs. Simchick talked about the hard road that teachers have had regarding the lack of respect, ethics, and courtesy that we do not have in today's society. She hoped that more teaching would be done with the changes in legislation regarding the number of required tests.

Mrs. Justice reported on the Indian River County Commission meeting at which the ballfield property was sold to the Jimmy Grave's Foundation. She attended the Moonshot breakfast with community suggestions on improving literacy. Mrs. Justice reported on the School Start Time Committee meeting. Mrs. Justice also reported on her attendance at the Taxpayers' Association meeting and the Volunteer Reception in the TEC.

Mr. Frost attended the Very Special Arts celebration at Indian River Charter High School with students from Wabasso. He said that he had hoped to hear feedback from the Unitary Status efforts that, through working together, had resulted in African-American graduation rates being increased by 10%. Mr. Frost was currently in Tallahassee. On behalf of the School Board he spoke on two Bills: The School Wide Class Size rather than class by class. And HB773, pushing the testing back to the final three weeks of school, giving students more time to study; and allowing the FSA to be substituted with the SAT.

Chairman Searcy reported on the Volunteer Reception. He mentioned the Firefighter's Fair. Chairman Searcy announced that there would be approximately 150 students participating in the upcoming Swine Showmanship and a Steer Showmanship events, with grooming, on March 16 with a live steer and pig auction on March 18. A silent auction would be held for citrus trees and poultry. Chairman Searcy said that he threw the first baseball in the Grand Opening of the Carl Ripken Little League Baseball Season. He mentioned his concern about student discipline. Chairman Searcy suggested giving some thought to utilizing a ropes course. He also highlighted 76 senior volunteers from the Indian River Club who helped raise Indian River Academy's school grade from an F to a C.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month ending December 31, 2016, and January 31, 2017 - Mr. Morrison

Attached were the Financial Reports for the months ending December 31, 2016, and January 31, 2017.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING - No closing

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.