

The District School Board of Indian River County met on April 11, 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 Pastor Bob Bremer from Pillar Community Church.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy.
Chairman Searcy called for a moment of silence for the family of Kyle Nevins, a tenth-grade student from Vero Beach High School.

- 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 James Landis USN (retired) and Master Sergeant Michael Hussey USMC (retired)

- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Searcy asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Orders of the Day. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Chairman Searcy requested to move Consent C. Mr. Frost moved to amend the motion to move Consent C to Action. Mrs. Zorc seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the amended main motion, with a 5-0 vote.

- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. **Student Recognition for State of Florida Science and Engineering Fair – Mrs. Falardeau**
Superintendent and School Board recognized students, both private and public. The Education Foundation of Indian River County was the administrator of the Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair that recently awarded 17 students’ bids to compete in the 2017 State of Florida Science & Engineering Fair. All Indian River County Team Members either placed or received special recognition at this year’s Fair.
 - B. **John’s Island Foundation to Wabasso School – Mrs. Falardeau**
Superintendent and School Board recognized the John’s Island Foundation for generous support of the Wabasso School. Mrs. Falardeau introduced her Wabasso Team Members. The Foundation had provided digital boards, smart tables to Title I schools, and last year a \$35,000 grant to help students find their voice.

This year the Foundation provided funds build a transition lab for Wabasso students transitioning into the world, in the amount of \$57,000.

C. Musical Rendition by Vero Beach Elementary School

Vero Beach Elementary Band Students performed for the audience under the direction of Miss Newhouse, Music Teacher.

D. Short Video on School Initiatives

Video of 66 elementary students who visited Historic Dodgertown, Honoring Jackie Robinson.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

Bob Galbraith requested to speak on health benefits.

Liz Cannon requested to speak on digital 1:1

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the Consent Agenda (moving Consent C to Action). Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Superintendent Workshop held 3/28/2017
2. Business Meeting held 3/28/2017

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 Agreement to Exchange Use of Facilities and Equipment with the City of Vero Beach – Dr. Fritz

(Moved)

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Dodgertown Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$1,285 from Friends at Sea Oaks. The funds would be utilized to purchase books to distributed to the needy students attending Dodgertown Elementary School.
2. Vero Beach High School received a donation in the amount of \$6,950 from the Vero Beach Orchestra Boosters, Inc. The funds would be used to help finance the Vero Beach High School student trip to Austria.

Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Budget Amendments – Mr. Morrison

This request was for approval of the following budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017:

Amendment # 1 – Food Service

Amendment #1 - Enterprise Funds -Extended Day

Amendment #2 – Capital Projects

Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Academic Games Out of State Trip to West Virginia – Mrs. Dampier

Academic Games were a series of competitions designed to challenge students' abilities in the areas of mathematics, language arts and social studies. Student in grades 4-12 could compete in any or all the events according to their interests.

Students who played Academic Games:

- Experience an alternate way to learn
- Learn important concepts before their classmates
- Build strategic thinking skills
- Rise to the challenge of competition
- Receive public recognition for the academic successes
- Develop team loyalty

Equations challenges students to use randomly-generated numbers and math operations to create goals and solutions in thought-provoking ways. As grade levels increase, more demanding math concepts were introduced.

Presidents players learn how U.S. Presidents developed personally and professionally and how the major events of their administrations affected the citizens of the United States.

World Events players learn about the major political and cultural events of the past year. They also studied and researched a social studies topic that varied from year to year.

LinguiShtiks improves students' vocabulary skills, spelling and writing skills. Players learned to compose increasingly more complex sentences with proper grammar application.

Academic Games National competition would be in Wheeling, West Virginia on the following dates: April 28th-May 1st. All necessary information had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

Consent item moved for discussion:

C. Approval of Agreement to Exchange Use of Facilities and Equipment with the City of Vero Beach – Dr. Fritz

Approval was recommended for the renewal of a long-standing agreement between the City of Vero Beach and the School District. This agreement stated that each party would provide the other the use of particular facilities and equipment, and to pay related costs, expenses, and fees for certain recreational or school activities, and transportation needs. The agreement authorized the Superintendent to renew the agreement annually on behalf of the School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Fritz stated that Human Resources would monitor the insurance to ensure that they received a copy of the renewal insurance policy when the attached policy was up for renewal. Mr. Frost moved approval of the agreement to exchange use of facilities and equipment with the City of Vero Beach. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval to Set Public Hearing Date for Adoption of Revisions to Code of Student Conduct Handbook, Effective for 2017-2018 School Year – Dr. Dampier

The Code of Student Conduct Handbook was developed in compliance with School Board Policy 5500, Student Conduct, under Chapter 120 F.S. On March 28, 2017, at the Superintendent’s Workshop the District School Board reviewed and discussed the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct Handbook. The Public Hearing for adoption was scheduled to be held during the regular Business Meeting on May 23, 2017. The Code of Student Conduct and Student/Parent Handbook “draft” was attached. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval to set the public hearing date for Adoption of Revisions to Code of Student Conduct Handbook, Effective for 2017-2018 School Year. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Chairman Searcy asked when the appropriate time was to bring up issues on the Code of Student Conduct. Mrs. Zorc said that she wanted to go on public record that she was given assurance by Dr. Rendell that classroom issues (lack of support and lack of training) would be addressed. Dr. Rendell explained that rewriting the Code of Student Conduct Handbook would not solve those issues, it was how the administrators and classrooms carried out the concepts of the Code of Conduct. Dr. Rendell said that they were working on that and would continue to work on that. Chairman Searcy said that he hoped to hear more about this in the future. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Resolution #2017-07 with Florida Adult and Technical Distance Education Consortium – Mrs. Dampier

The Florida Adult and Technical Distance Education Consortium (FATDEC) consisted of Broward, Brevard, Citrus, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Pasco, plus the Florida Virtual School and any other who adopted a like resolution, had expressed a desire to enter into a Consortium under which the participating members may jointly perform, bid, contract for, and purchase certain materials, supplies, equipment, and services to be used in respective school systems as authorized and permitted by law and Florida Board of Education rules including, but not limited to, those listed in Section I of this Resolution.

FATDEC provided an economical value for all members. Our “shared” membership was also a great way for smaller Districts/schools whose federal allocations were relatively low to join the consortium and reap the benefits larger programs enjoyed. After more than five years of price decreases or no increases, FATDEC was passionately committed to keeping costs low and affordable. Yearly membership cost to FATDEC was \$7,000, and was funded through the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education. A cost comparison letter provided the detail of services provided and possible savings. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of Resolution #2017-07 with Florida Adult and Technical Distance Education Consortium. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Chairman Searcy noted a correction to the spelling of his name and the date that the Resolution was being adopted by the Board. Mrs. Justice amended the motion to include the two corrections. Mrs. Zorc seconded the amendment to the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the amendment, with a 5-0 vote. Chairman Searcy called for a roll call vote by Miss Stang as follows:

Mrs. Justice	Yes
Mrs. Simchick	Yes
Mr. Frost	Yes
Mrs. Zorc	Yes
Chairman Searcy	Yes

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the amended main motion, with a 5-0 roll call vote.

C. Approval of I-Ready Software for Reading and Math for Grades K-8 for 2017-2018 – Mrs. Dampier

iReady was a computer-based program that would be used to support reading and math for grades K-8. The purchase of iReady for grades K-5 was approved by the Board on August 23, 2016; and, now, plans were to expand the use of the program to grades 6-8. iReady diagnostic assesses student performance across the key domains in reading and math, providing a valid and reliable measure of student growth with detailed diagnostic results and individualized next steps for instruction. Based on the diagnostic results, students were automatically placed into standards-based, on-line instruction modules that were customized to their placement levels. The assessment results allowed teachers to apply specific lessons from the assessments. iReady would help teachers identify gaps in student learning, spanning back multiple years, or would help determine where students were ready for further acceleration. Teachers were provided with a range of targeted lessons to use in a variety of ways in the classroom. iReady replaced DIBELS, FAIR, and SAT 10 during the 2016-2017 school year.

iReady would continue to replace those assessments; as well as, the Reading/Math Benchmarks and AimsWEB from our 2017-2018 assessment calendar for grades K-8. The cost to the School District was \$458,985.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of I-Ready software for reading and math for grades K-8 for 2017-2018. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion. Mrs. Dampier responded to Board questions. She said that the tool box was included and explained that training for teachers by I-Ready would be optional in May, with additional training being offered in the summer. Mrs. Dampier explained that testing every ten days would no longer be required and that the tests were aligned to the Florida Standards. She explained that the measurable results would be available through the test results and quarterly reports. Dr. Rendell said that this tool provided him, as Superintendent, an opportunity find out how the schools were doing, at any time. Mr. Green and Mr. Morrison answered questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval to Piggyback the School Board of Lee County, Florida RFP # R127035JM to Issue a Purchase Order to United Data Technologies, Inc., for the Purchase of Mobile Carts and Tablet PCs. - Mr. Green

This request was to grant the authority for the Superintendent to issue a purchase order to United Data Technologies, Inc., (UDT) in the amount of \$1,449,796.60 for the purchase of 2,315 tablet PCs and 80 mobile carts; including all equipment, installation, configuration, and testing. This purchase would be funded by the State allocation for Digital Classrooms (\$528,129.00) and the 0.6 voter approved millage (\$921,667.60). The pricing referenced the School Board of Lee County, Florida RFP # R127035JM Information Technology Hardware, Software, and Equipment Catalog Discount Bid. This RFP was valid through June 4, 2017. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval to piggyback the School Board of Lee County, Florida RFP # R127035JM to issue a purchase order to United Data Technologies, Inc., for the purchase of mobile carts and tablet PCs. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Board Member thanked the voters for their support of the special millage that funded the purchase. Mr. Green gave a digital journey from the beginning using a PowerPoint and video presentations. He thanked Mrs. Cannon and other teachers for their support. Mr. Green answered concerns from the Board regarding notification to parents that their child was going to be in a classroom that did not have computers, doing away with books, and books for students that did not have computers at home. With no further questions, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval to Renew Request for Proposal (RFP) #2016-09 for Electrical Contractors with Multiple Vendors - Mr. Morrison

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of RFP #2016-09, the Purchasing Department requested approval to renew this RFP for a period of one year and to issue purchase orders not to exceed \$200,000. This contract was utilized by three departments; Physical Plant, Facilities, and Technology Services. On April 12, 2016, the Board approved the award of Bismark Electrical Services, Inc., Complete Electric, Inc., Gerelcom, Inc., and Paragon Electric of Vero, Inc., to provide electrical services. Projects less than \$5,000 may be awarded on a rotational or best fit basis. For projects greater than \$5,000, all awarded vendors would be invited to provide a formal quote and award would be made to the lowest bidder. This new contract period would be from April 12, 2017, through April 11, 2018. All pricing, specifications, terms, and conditions would remain the same. Please see attached copies of the renewal agreements. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Morrison noted that there were a number of backlogged projects that needed to be done. Mrs. Simchick moved approval to renew request for Proposal (RFP) #2016-09 for electrical contractors with multiple vendors. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. The Board voted in favor of the motion, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Simchick, Mrs. Zorc, and Chairman Searcy voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Frost voted against the motion.

F. Approval to Award Invitation to Bid (ITB) #09-0-2017JC Single Point of Entry at Osceola Magnet School to Kerns Construction and Property Management, Inc. - Mr. Morrison

The Facilities, Planning, and Construction Department requested an Invitation to Bid (ITB) be promulgated for a summer construction project at Osceola Magnet School. Scope of work was to create a new, single point of entry into the administration offices as per specifications and drawings provided by Song + Associates Architects. The Purchasing Department recommended award to Kerns Construction & Property Management, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. Attached was backup information. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval to award invitation to bid (ITB) #09-0-2017JC single point of entry at Osceola Magnet School to Kerns Construction and Property Management, Inc. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell stated that safety was a top Priority. Mr. Morrison said that the District was making progress toward single point of entry schools. Board Member noted that there was current legislation discussion that would mandate public access to playgrounds during off hours.

Dr. Rendell said that legislation would require dual entry onto school properties. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval of Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for Osceola Magnet Single Point of Entry (SDIRC #09-0-2017JC) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement between the School Board of Indian River County and Kerns Construction & Property Management Corp., for Osceola Magnet School Single Point of Entry (SDIRC #09-0-2017JC) in the amount of \$146,560.00. The scope of work included creating a new, single point of entry into the school administration office in accordance with the architectural plans and specifications. The contract amount consisted of the Contractor's base bid in the amount of \$126,560 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$20,000 that included all construction costs associated with this project. The contract amount did not include architectural fees, at an estimated amount of \$19,950, for an overall total project cost of \$166,510. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of Owner/Contractor Construction Agreement for Osceola Magnet Single Point of Entry (SDIRC #09-0-2017JC). Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

H. Approval of Agreement Form for Construction Contracted Services with Cathco, Inc., for Osceola Magnet School Parking Improvements – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Agreement Form of Construction Contracted Services between the School Board of Indian River County and Cathco, Inc., to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for Parking Improvements at Osceola Magnet School as outlined in the proposal. The cost of construction of this project was not to exceed \$72,280, which included the proposal amount of \$62,280 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$10,000. This Agreement amount did not include civil engineering fees, at an estimated amount of \$17,235, for an overall total project cost of \$89,515. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of agreement form for Construction Contracted Services with Cathco, Inc., for Osceola Magnet School parking improvements. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Member talked about a tree that was growing right where the walkway was located, as it was a student safety issue. It was also a concern that moving the concretables to Glendale would take up additional parking space. Dr. Rendell said that the plan was to remove the leased portables and to replace them with concretables, with no additional space being utilized.

Mr. Westenberger noted that the work would not be done this summer. He said that the engineering survey was the first step. Having no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

~~I. Approval of Agreement Form for Construction Contracted Services with Anthony's Flooring Design's, Inc., for Fellsmere Elementary Tile Flooring – Mr. Morrison~~
(Removed)

J. Approval of Agreement Form for Construction Contracted Services with Window Sales & Service of Vero, Inc., for Storm Grove Middle Walkway Covers – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Agreement Form of Construction Contracted Services between the School Board of Indian River County and Window Sales & Service of Vero, Inc., to furnish all materials and install new walkway covers at Storm Grove Middle School as outlined in the proposal. The cost of construction for this project was not to exceed \$69,885, which included the proposal amount of \$59,885 and an owner added contingency in the amount of \$10,000. This Agreement amount did not include engineering fees, at an estimated amount of \$14,720, for an overall total project cost of \$84,605. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of agreement form for Construction Contracted Services with Window Sales & Service of Vero, Inc., for Storm Grove Middle walkway covers. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Mr. Westenberger stated that the walkway covers were for the stairwell and the administration building. Board Member noted that the covered walkways should have been included in the original design. She stated that in the future the architect should be required to walk the plan design. Mr. Westenberger answered a question on walkway cover replacement cycles. He said that aluminum did not deteriorate at the same rate as roofs. A suggestion for future construction was made to have interior stairs, rather than outside stairs. Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell stated that in recognition of Autism Awareness Month, staff members and Board Members were wearing blue.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Invitations and Community Events – Mrs. Zorc

Board Members discussed how invitations were circulated between Board Members and between the Superintendent's Office and Board Office. Board Members were asked to share their invitations.

Dr. Rendell said that he would have Mrs. Poysell share invitations that were received in his office. Board Member was also interested in receiving notice of school events.

B. IR Virtual – Mrs. Zorc

Dr. Rendell explained that the mailing was for online courses that were taught by our teachers. At the present time, we had only 4 or 5 fulltime virtual students. Dr. Arnett said that all students that were eligible to enroll into virtual were sent a postcard. It was noted that the student must have been enrolled in a public school the year before enrolling into virtual courses.

C. Budget Process – Mr. Frost

Board Members discussed the budget process. The topics included preparing a budget that would carry the District through September by department, by site, zero-based, path forward; having true transformation and transparency; need for Board Members to understand the budget before coming to the table; and information needed to be given to the Board in a timely manner to ensure that there was enough time to ask individual questions. Mr. Morrison stated that the legislative session ended the end of May. In order to work on the budget without having the actual dollar figures, the budget planning began with the same estimated figures as last year. Board Members discussed the role of the Audit Committee. Board Member said that he would like to see the work product. Board Member said that she would be meeting with Mr. Morrison on a regular basis, instead of waiting until the end of the process to ask questions.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mrs. Zorc gave an update on the current Legislative Session regarding matters of concern to School Districts.

Mrs. Justice noted a great number of events that she attended throughout the County; celebrating student awards and performances; as well as, supporting literacy and sporting events.

Mrs. Simchick thanked staff at the schools for their long hours worked in support of community events and noted promotions received by local officers.

Mr. Frost mentioned the Strategic Plan Survey, trips to Tallahassee for the Legislative Session, and the National Honor Society's student awards event at the Charter High School.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing remarks.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.