

The District School Board of Indian River County met on July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Business 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 Chaplain Alice Lombardo, from Freedom Church, Vero Beach.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Searcy at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG by Mrs. Justice
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Searcy asked the Board Members, if they had any items to move from Consent. No one had anything to move. The Chairman asked for a MOTION to Adopt the Order of the Day. Mrs. Zorc moved to approve the Adoption of Orders of the Day. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Dr. Rendell made an opening statement and introduced Mr. Green to the audience and to do the presentation of the Five-Year Strategic Plan. Mr. Green presented the Plan Development and showed Power Point slides, as well. He reviewed the initial draft along with the final draft and reviewed the communities feedback and support for this project. Pending the approval of this plan, they will move into the Launch phase along with the Succeed phase. There will be annual measures at the end of the school year. This is an Action item for Board approval tonight. Mr. Green thanked the community for the input on this plan. Dr. Rendell asked the Board Members, if they had any questions. There were just a couple of questions Board Members had, which were all answered. Mr. Green was thanked for all the work he had put into the plan.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT
Two Citizen Input Forms were presented to the Chairman just prior to 6:00 p.m. The citizens that spoke were Ms. Janet Cernigliaro and Ms. Beverly Raiford. Ms. Cernigliaro’s topic was with regards to a 3% raise as noted on her Input Form. Ms. Raiford’s topic was with regards to CWA bargaining as noted on her Input Form. These ladies both came to the podium and spoke. Upon completion of their speeches, they both thanked the Board Members.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Workshop held 6/27/2017
2. Business Meeting held 6/27/2017
3. Special Meeting for Pending Litigation held 6/27/2017
4. Special Meeting for Pending Litigation held 6/30/2017

Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Mr. Green

Attached is a list of personnel recommendations that includes personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

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

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

D. Approval of Donations – Mr. Morrison

1. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Life Essentials Services, Corp. The funds will be utilized by the Sebastian River High School Athletic Programs.
2. Osceola Magnet School received a donation in the amount of \$1,429.99 from the Osceola Magnet School PTA. The funds will be used for the Osceola Magnet School 5th grade graduation.
3. Beachland Elementary School received a donation in the amount of \$9,971.13 from the Beachland Elementary PTA. The funds will be used to purchase ten vertical aeroponic water tower gardens for Beachland Elementary School.
4. Vero Beach High School received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the McCrea Family Trust. The donation will benefit the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Program.

Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Contract Renewals for Childcare Providers for 2017-2018 – Mrs. Dampier

In accordance with Florida Statute 1003.54, School Districts are required to provide childcare services to the children of teen parents participating in the dropout prevention program.

Indian River County utilizes several local centers for this purpose. Attached are the 2017-2018 contracts for existing providers: First Impressions Daycare and Preschool, Tiny Treasures/Learning Nest, RCMA/Whispering Pine, Ross Small World Childcare, TLC of Sebastian, and Williams Childcare. The contracts outline the respective

responsibilities of the School District and local childcare providers for services provided to the children of teen parents that participate in the District's Teen Parent Program. Insurance has been approved by Risk Management. Cost to the District is offset by the FTE. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Technical Center for Career & Adult Education Tuition and Fees for 2017-2018 - Mrs. Dampier

In accordance with the workforce development fees Section 1009.23(3) Florida Statutes (F.S), each School District must establish a fee schedule for students enrolled in adult education programs. The Legislature establishes the fee schedule. Effective July 1, 2017, the 2017-2018 tuitions for career technical programs are \$2.33 per contact hour (Standard fee rate) for Florida residents and \$9.32 per contact hour for out-of-state residents. Each District School Board may adopt tuition that is within the range of five percent below to five percent above the standard tuition and out of state fee. Florida Statutes enables the District to collect a separate fee for student financial aid, capital improvement fee, and technology fee for career and technical programs. A block tuition of \$30 per term for adult general education and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs is charged. Life Enrichment courses are \$5 per contact hour. The attached fee schedule reflects an increase in the standard tuition contact hour to \$2.44 per hour. There is a rate increase of .11 up from 2016-2017. There is also an increase to \$5 per hour for Life Enrichment courses, previously \$3 per hour. There is no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of Renewal for the 2017-2018 Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant – Mrs. Dampier

This discretionary/continuation grant will provide the Technical Center with funds totaling \$203,888 that will enable the school to continue efforts to provide quality literacy education to adults and to English Language Learners. The Technical Center for Career and Adult Education served 630 students who enrolled in GED/ABE/ESOL in 2016-2017. TCCAIE has collaborated with several agencies to better serve the citizens of Indian River County. No cost to the School District. Superintendent recommended approval.

H. Approval of Renewal of Third-Party Cooperative Arrangement (TPCA) Renewable Grant Opportunity between the School District of Indian River County and Vocational Rehabilitation for 2017-2018 School Year – Pam Dampier

TPCA provides a means for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) staff to work collaboratively with Florida Local Education Agency (LEA). The employment specialists develop Community Based Work Experiences (CBWE) to allow students to work closely with VR to provide funding for Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

School District Employment Specialists (ES) will provide services to students with disabilities, who have an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) within the K-12 system, who are active clients of VR, and who have an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). Students will develop appropriate work skills, attitudes, behaviors,

and work tolerance needed to plan for and achieve successful post high school employment. Through the Third-Party Cooperative Arrangement (TPCA), the School District of Indian River County will be able to provide two Employment Specialists (ES) which requires a fiscal match from the School District in Non-federal dollars of \$13,410.48. Insurance has been approved by Risk Management. Superintendent recommended approval.

I. Approval of 2017-2018 Transportation Service Agreement Renewals – Mr. Teske

Attached are the 2017-2018 Transportation agreements with Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County (BFIRC), Gifford Youth Achievement Center (GYAC), Environmental Learning Center (ELC), and Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center, Inc. (DHC). The agreements include the use of the District's Transportation Services from designated pickup locations to sites in Indian River County for their respective, sponsored programs. Superintendent recommended approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of School District's Five-Year Strategic Plan – Mr. Green

Starting in February of 2017, the District began the process of creating a Five Year Strategic Plan. Since February, the District has involved stakeholders in the development of the Plan in the form of onsite engagement sessions, online surveys, town hall meetings, and Board workshops. Drawn from data and feedback collected during the planning process, five overarching goals were established, each with supporting objectives, strategies, and measures of success. Detailed progress on the Plan's goals and specific measures of success will be reported annually and made available to the public. The Plan is built around the District's logo and central theme of a unified partnership between home, school, and community. Attached is the final draft of the Five-Year Strategic Plan. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mrs. Simchick moved approval to accept the Five-Year Strategic Plan as covered in the Superintendent's Workshop on July 25, 2017, and as discussed during the opening presentation of this meeting. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval to Purchase Student PC's from CDW-G through the NJPA 100614 Contract for District-wide Refresh --Mr. Green

CDW-G will provide the District with student computers throughout the District as part of our ongoing refresh cycle. This refresh will target desktop computers that are over 6-years-old that are due for replacement. The cost impact will be \$495,000. The quote is attached. This will be funded through the 0.6 voter approved millage. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Green explained the difference in the time frame and not wanting to purchase the computers in April and then let them sit in a warehouse until school is ready to open. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Purchase for the Student PC's as stated above. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Frost did thank the public for allowing this to happen.

C. Approval to Set Public Hearing Date to Adopt New School Board Policy 6334, Prequalification of Contractors for Educational Facilities Construction – Mr. Morrison

This request is for Board approval to proceed with the adoption process for School Board Policy 6334, Prequalification of Contractors for Educational Facilities Construction. The purpose of this new policy is to bring the District into compliance with the requirements F.A.C 6A-2.0010 State Requirements for Educational Facilities. The Public Hearing and adoption will be held during the regular Business meeting on September 26, 2017. Superintendent recommended approval.

A Board Member had a question with regards to this process and Mrs. D'Agresta explained the process and the broad-based policy. Chairman Searcy also had a question on the audited financial statements. Mrs. D'Agresta responded explaining there are a couple of ways to provide this information. There was a brief discussion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the Public Hearing date being set for September 26, 2017. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval to Award Request for Proposal (RFP) #15-0-2017JC to Express Reel Grinding, Inc. – Mr. Morrison

The purpose and intent of this Request for Proposal is to secure firm, fixed rates for athletic field maintenance as required by the District. Award will be made to the highest-scoring vendor and the best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. The estimated financial impact is \$112,565.25. The term of this RFP is from July 25, 2017, through July 24, 2018; and may, by mutual agreement between the Board and the awardee, be renewed for two additional one-year periods. The Purchasing Department recommends award to Express Reel Grinding, Inc., as the best responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms, and conditions. See attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Michael came to the podium to speak briefly on this. He covered the gray areas with a new RFP for the 2017-2018 year. A cost analysis was provided to Dr. Rendell and was distributed to the Board Members at this time. Mr. Michael went on to review the analysis with the Board. The Board Members had questions for Mr. Michael and were grateful for the time and effort put into this. There were some suggestions for the future. Chairman Searcy expressed concerns with some of the outsourcing. Mrs. Zorc moved approval of the Award to Express Reel Grinding, Inc. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Chairman Searcy was not in favor of the vote.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell asked that Mr. Nick Westenberger come to the podium for an update on the Citrus Bowl and Beachland. Mr. Westenberger wanted to first recognize his staff with the 20 plus projects they have been handling over the summer. Beachland is approximately 98% complete. Training will start over the next couple of weeks. Citrus Bowl is still a work in progress and we will make sure it is ready for the first football game on August 18, 2017. Everything is on schedule. We are working through our punch list. The lockers are an outstanding item. The team made a change and it took us out of the production cycle. The coach is fully aware and feels it is not necessary to put in temporary ones. After the first game, the lockers will be delivered and installed. With this not being completed on time, does it have to come back to the Board? Chairman Searcy asked if there were change orders. It was confirmed there were some but due to the type of bid, they didn't have to have Board approval.

Dr. Rendell also recognize an Administrator from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Latonya Ross, Assistant Principal at the Technical Center of Career and Adult Education, as well as the Board's new Executive Assistant, Nancy Esplen.

IX. DISCUSSION

Mrs. Justice opened the discussion session with the discussion on how resignations are perceived. Dr. Rendell said we could try to code them or classify them differently and checked with Mr. Green. The Board Members had an open discussion and mentioned in the past there was a memorandum that was issued quarterly. Exit or stay interviews may also assist with this request. One of the Board Members took this time to thank Judy Stang for her years of service.

As the Board Members continued in their discussions, the Broward Law Suit was brought up, along with the financial discussion of this suit. Further pros and cons were discussed of the entire Charter School structure and ESREF structure. The mounting of legal fees was also discussed and the need to minimize them. Each of the Board Members had input on this. Chairman Searcy did comment that he doesn't hear any interest in the participation in the suit.

There was a discussion of testing with paper/pencil with the need of flexibility with local control. The State has a uniform procedure statewide. The need to stress this with our legislators was discussed.

Chairman Searcy also brought something he heard about looping of teachers. Is this something we can do. Dr. Rendell said we are currently doing this and will provide additional research on this. Mrs. Dampier shared some of her experience as a principal with looping teachers. There was a brief discussion on single gender classrooms and if we have tried. Dr. Rendell did state that we had two classrooms with single gender a couple of years ago and we will always look at what is best for the student.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mr. Frost along with Mr. Zorc attended the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) meeting and were able to secure funds for the 66th Avenue project.

Mrs. Justice went on to discuss the different committees, recognizing community partners, and other trainings/developments going on.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month ending May 31, 2017 - Mr. Morrison

Attached are the Financial Reports for the month ending May 31, 2017.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Rendell had no closing statement this evening.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.