

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 22, 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. Mr. Bruce Green, Assistant Superintendent, and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Father Michael Goldberg, from St. Augustine Episcopal Church of Vero Beach. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools was absent.

### Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Chairman Searcy.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BY: Mr. Frost
- III. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Chairman Searcy asked the Board Members, if they had any items to move from Consent. Mrs. Zorc asked to move Consent C. Chairman Searcy asked the Board Members, if there were any other Consent items that need to be moved. Mrs. Simchick then made the Motion to approve the Orders of the Day minus Consent C. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. **Proclamation – American Founders' Month**  
Mr. Green explained the purpose of the Proclamation for the month of September was to promote Civic Literacy. Mr. Green introduced Logan Bragg who was recommended by his teacher to Dr. Rendell, to read the Proclamation to the Board Members. Mr. Green recommended approval. Chairman Searcy asked for a Motion to accept. Mr. Frost moved to adopt September as the American Founders’ Month. Mrs. Simchick seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. A photo was taken with the Board, Mr. Green, Logan Bragg and his father.
  - B. **Short Videos on School Initiatives –**  
Mr. Green prefaced the videos with expressing the excitement of the children coming back to school for their first week, the buses rolling out at 5:00 a.m. with Mr. Teske at the bus depot greeting the bus drivers, and the Solar Eclipse event.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT  
Ms. Liz Cannon – Topic was Best and Brightest Scholarship.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Searcy called for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as Amended. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it was carried, with a 5-0 vote. A discussion continued with Mrs. Zorc's concern of Consent C – Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property. The concern was the time frame given for the disposal of the buses and if a specific Ten Year time frame was necessary. Dr. Rendell had sent out Repair Orders to the Board Members back on July 31, 2017. An email was also shared between the Board Members from the State Representative. Mrs. Zorc is just asking we reevaluate the procedure and mindset. This was reviewed between the Board Members, Mr. Green, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Teske. The explanation of why the buses listed are being put on the agenda for surplus was fully discussed. Chairman Searcy called for a Motion to approve Consent C. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of Consent C. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell**

1. Superintendent Workshop held 07/25/2017
2. Public Hearing – Tentative 2017-2018 Budget and Millage Rates held 07/25/2017
3. Business Meeting held 07/25/2017
4. Special Business Meeting for Pending Litigation held 07/25/2017
5. Special Meeting for Public Hearing on Tentative 2017-2018 Budget and Millage Rates and Other Business Matters held on 08/01/2017
6. Business Meeting held 08/08/2017

Mr. Green recommended approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Mr. Green**

Attached is a list of personnel recommendations that includes personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Mr. Green 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 Revised Job Description – Mr. Bruce Green**

DELETED

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**A. Approval of the Renewal of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2017 – 2018 School Year – Mrs. Dampier**

The Dual Enrollment Agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Indian River State College allows the enrollment of high school students in dual enrollment courses for the school year 2017-2018, in accordance with section 1007.271, F.S. This allows the enrollment of an eligible secondary student into a post-secondary course creditable towards high school completion, a career certificate, or an associate degree. Per F.S. 1009.23, the Indian River County School District shall pay the standard tuition rate per credit hour and the associated course materials from funds provided in the Florida Education Finance Program to Indian River State College (IRSC) for instruction taking place on any IRSC campus to cover instructional support costs incurred by the college. The standard college credit tuition rate at a Florida College System institution is \$71.98 per credit hour or \$2.33 per vocational clock hour. Estimated cost to the District is \$410,000, with Indian River State College for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Green recommended approval.

Mr. Green explained the renewal information for this agreement to the Board. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Chairman Searcy had a couple of questions with regards to the contract and the enrollment. Mrs. Dampier answered all the questions, she also emphasized the encouragement of the Districts teacher's getting certified in this as well. Mr. Morrison went over some of the financial aspects of the Dual Enrollment. Mr. Lunceford, from Indian River State College, was available for all questions the Board Members had. He also, went over all questions in regards to the books. Mrs. Justice moved approval to accept the Renewal of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement with Gaetz Aerospace Institute, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University for 2017 – 2020 School Year’s – Mrs. Dampier**

The Dual Enrollment Agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Gaetz Aerospace Institute, Embry Riddle Aeronautic University allows for the education of secondary school-age students to provide college level courses and credit for high school graduation through the Career Dual Enrollment (DE) provision, pursuant to Florida Statute 1007.271, and applicable Florida Law. This agreement may also provide secondary students with advance high school programming in aerospace studies for high school credit, teacher technical training and professional development, and STEM outreach. Estimated cost to the District is \$3,032.00 with Aerospace Institute, Embry Riddle Aeronautic University for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Green recommended approval.

Mrs. Justice shared that the Steering Committee did a great job getting this introduced. Chairman Searcy asked to clarify the cost differences. Dr. Arnett explained the difference in the costs. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval to accept the Dual Enrollment Agreement. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Approval of the Certiport Authorized Test Center Agreement - Mrs. Dampier**

This comprehensive agreement with the School District of Indian River County authorizes Sebastian River High School, Vero Beach High School, Sebastian River Middle School, Storm Grove Middle School, Gifford Middle School and Oslo Middle School to be Certiport Authorized Testing Centers for the students enrolled in the listed schools. The CAPE Industry Certifications administered through Certiport include Microsoft Certifications, Adobe Certifications and Intuit Certifications. The CAPE Digital Tool Certifications administered through Certiport include the Information Communication Technology certifications Spark, Computing Fundamentals, Key Application and Living Online. Projected cost to the school district for the year is \$194,000 which will be paid for out of the CAPE Funds. Superintendent recommended approval.

One of the Board Members had a couple of questions about the vendor. Dr. Arnett and Mrs. Dampier answered all the Boards questions and concerns. Dr. Arnett also spoke of the four individuals that would administer the testing and confirmed this is a one-year agreement. Chairman Searcy called for a Motion. Mr. Frost moved approval to accept the agreement. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Approval of CampusBooks School Solutions Agreement 2017 – 2018 – Mrs. Dampier**

This agreement will allow CampusBooks to serve as an online textbook bookstore or provider for the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education. This will give students in Career and Technical programs several options for books including new, used, and the ability to rent textbooks. Historically, the Technical Center has purchased books on behalf of the student and sold them to the student without profit. The purchasing and distributing of textbooks required considerable time and effort on the part of staff. This contract will eliminate the purchasing of textbooks on behalf of students and requires them to be responsible for acquiring their needed books. There is no cost to the district. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy asked about the commission to the district. Mrs. Dampier spoke to the Board and discussed how they visited other locations that have this plan in place. Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval to accept the CampusBooks School Solutions Agreement. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**E. Approval to Terminate Support Staff Employee – Mr. Green**

The Superintendent recommends termination of support staff employee, Sasha Tunstall. The grounds for termination are contained in the attached Charging letter. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval to Terminate Support Staff Employee. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Approval to Terminate Support Staff Employee – Mr. Green**

The Superintendent recommends termination of support staff employee, Robert Wood. The grounds for termination are contained in the attached charging letter. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Searcy called for a MOTION. Mr. Frost moved approval to accept the Termination of the Support Staff Employee. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it was carried, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Zorc was not in favor of the vote. She was not able to support this termination and was unable to discuss due to HIPAA Guidelines. Other Board members spoke of the options that were given and not taken by the employee.

**G. Approval to Piggyback Suwannee County School's RFP #11-203 Type IIB Modular Buildings and Issue Purchase Orders to Mobile Modular Management Corp. for the Lease of Portable Classroom Buildings District Wide – Mr. Morrison**

This request is for Board approval to piggyback Suwannee County School's RFP #11-203 for the lease of portable classroom buildings district wide. Staff is requesting spend authority in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 per year. Pricing is as per the specifications, terms and conditions of Suwannee County School's RFP #11-203 Type IIB Modular Buildings with additional discounts. This RFP is valid through June 30, 2020. Please see attached backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Green asked Mr. Morrison to speak with regards to the budget and what the need is. Mr. Morrison explained this was placed in the budget in case of emergency or certain situations. Chairman Searcy asked for a MOTION. Mrs. Justice moved to approve the request. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Frost asked about cost versus the budget amount. Mr. Morrison explained the reduction to the amount from the budget. He answered all the other questions the Board Members had.

**VIII. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Green said what a great start the District had to the start of the school year. He was also very appreciative of the faculty, parents, and students at Osceola Magnet School. It was such a team effort by so many. Mr. Teske went on to say how everyone was so receptive to everything that was being done. Mr. Green, also reviewed the Strategic Plan that was discussed in the Workshop earlier in the day.

**IX. DISCUSSION**

One of the Board members wanted to discuss what was discussed in regards to the School Start Times. The committee proposed this at the Superintendent's Workshop today and the Board wanted to make sure all the information is available for all parents to see. There was further discussion about the items being out on social media. A Board Member said they shared an email with the other members that has the surveys on the School Start Times. The committee shared input they received and the Board has asked that everyone participate.

**X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS**

The Board Members wanted to thank everyone involved in handling the Osceola Magnet School situation, including Cristen McMillan, PIO, who handling the news and all media throughout this situation. The visits to the different schools for the first week were discussed. The School Start Times Committee was thanked by the Board for presenting an amazing presentation. They thanked everyone for their hard work on making the first

week of school so successful. The Board Members all asked to keep Dr. Rendell and his family in their thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

No information items

XII. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Mr. Green thanked everyone for a great first week of school.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Searcy

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.