

The District School Board of Indian River County met on November 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. The Organizational 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: Charles G. Searcy, Shawn R. Frost, 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.

Annual Organization Meeting Minutes

In compliance with Florida Statute 1001.371 and Indian River County District School Board Policy 0150, the Superintendent shall act as Presiding Officer until the organization is complete.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rendell at 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Rendell stated for the record that as per State Statute 1001.371 and School Board Policy 0150, the Superintendent was required to act as Chairman until the organization of the Board had been completed.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG by Dr. Rendell
- III. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – Dr. Rendell
 - A. Election of Chairman**
Dr. Rendell called for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Justice nominated Mr. Frost. Hearing no further nominations for the position, Dr. Rendell called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Shawn R. Frost as Chairman of the District School Board for a term of one year, with a 5-0 vote.
 - B. Election of Vice Chairman**
Dr. Rendell called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs. Zorc nominated Mr. Searcy. Mrs. Justice nominated Mrs. Simchick, at which time, Mrs. Simchick declined. Mrs. Simchick nominated Mrs. Justice. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Rendell called for a vote. The Board voted in favor of Charles Searcy as Vice Chairman of the District School Board for a term of one year, with a 3-2 vote. With Mrs. Simchick and Mrs. Justice voting nay.

Dr. Rendell took this opportunity to introduce the new Chairman and Vice Chairman to the audience. He also called for a 5-minute break for a picture and for the Board to reposition themselves. The break was called at 5:02.

Chairman Frost re-convened the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

- IV. CITIZEN INPUT - None

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. Approval of Business Meeting Dates and Times - Chairman

Present practice is to hold two monthly meetings. The meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month at 6:00 p.m. for the business portion of the meeting and at 4:30 p.m. for Hearing Officer Review, only when necessary. The Board is able to schedule meetings as it determines necessary. Two lists of specific meeting dates for December 2017 through November 2018 are attached. The first list, titled Option A, follows the current pattern and consists of two business meetings each month. The second list, titled Option B, consists of one business meeting each month.

Chairman Frost read the above information. Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of Option B meeting times to one Business Meeting per month. Mrs. Simchick second with discussion. Chairman Frost asked Mr. Searcy to speak in regards to the motion. Mr. Searcy said the Superintendent has the authority to call for additional meetings when he sees fit. He also said that there will still be the Superintendent's Workshop which would take place on the second Tuesday of the month. He stated that if the Superintendent feels one meeting a month is adequate, he was in favor with this option. The other Board Members spoke and most of the members agreed to the change. Chairman Frost also asked for some input from Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell explained the Board is meeting twice a month, Workshop and Business Meeting. As the Business Meeting's had been reviewed over the past couple of years, Dr. Rendell reiterated that if a meeting is needed at any time, we can schedule them. Chairman Frost also said that if this schedule isn't working, it can be changed and filed with the state. The Board voted in favor of the motion, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Zorc voted against the motion.

B. Approval of Meeting Place - Chairman

The Teacher Education Center (TEC) located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967, is the meeting place, unless public interest can best be served by meeting elsewhere. The room is the Teacher Education Center (TEC).

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

VI. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

A. Indian River County Commission's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Voting Position

Duties include attending monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Room B1-501. Last year Mr. Frost served, with Mrs. Simchick as Alternate.

Chairman Frost announced that he would continue as the Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick would serve as Alternate.

B. Indian River County Commission's Economic Development Council (EDC), Committee Member and an Alternate for this Four-Year, Voting Position

Duties include attending monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. Last year Mrs. Zorc served her first year, with Mrs. Justice as Alternate.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Zorc would serve as Committee Member and Mrs. Justice would serve as Alternate.

C. Indian River County School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Liaison for this Non-Voting Position

Duty is to attend monthly meetings during the school year on the first Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., at United Way in the Community Room. Last year NO ONE served.

One of the Board Members suggested that since staff members are part of this Committee and attend the meetings, they can provide a report. Chairman Frost asked that quarterly reports be provided to the Superintendent for this Committee and these reports would be reviewed by both. Chairman Frost asked if anyone was interested in sitting on this Committee and no one took interest.

D. Indian River County Planning and Zoning Commission with an Alternate for this Four-Year, Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in County Commission Chambers in Building A. During November and December, they meet only on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The appointments are for four years. Last year Mr. Frost served his third year, with Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate.

Chairman Frost announced that he would serve as the Commission Member and Mrs. Simchick would serve as Alternate.

E. City of Vero Beach Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. Last year Mrs. Zorc served.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Zorc would continue to serve as the Commission Member.

F. City of Sebastian Planning and Zoning Commission, Three-Year Term, Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Positions starts on the first meeting after the City votes on the new member. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Simchick would continue to serve as the Commission Member

G. City of Fellsmere Planning and Zoning Commission, Non-Voting Position

The Commission meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Last year Mrs. Simchick served.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Simchick would continue to serve as the Commission Member.

H. City of Indian River Shores Planning and Zoning Commission, One-Year, Non-Voting Position

May 2008 was the first year for this appointment. The Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in City Hall, as needed. Last year Mrs. Justice served.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Justice would serve as the Commission Member.

I. Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, Inc., Committee Member

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Lucie County's Administration Building. Last year Mrs. Zorc served.

Chairman Frost announced that Mrs. Zorc would serve as the Committee Member.

J. Executive Roundtable, Committee Member for this Voting Position

One Board Member will be appointed to serve on the Executive Roundtable. The Committee meets the last Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at United Way Building. Last year Mrs. Justice served.

Another Board Member did express their interest in sitting on this committee. Chairman Frost listened to the Board Member who wished to sit on the committee and agreed to have Mrs. Justice remain on the committee to complete projects that are in progress and revisit this again next year.

VII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), County Citizen Advisory Committee for Transportation and an Alternate for this Voting Position

This is a volunteer position that began on September 11, 2012. The term of this position coincides with the Board's organization meeting. The CAC meets the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501. The position was filled by Amy Speak and the late John Kim was the Alternate. Board Members will submit names and vote on both the Committee Member and an Alternate Citizen to serve.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the appointment of Amy Speak to represent the School Board on the IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. An alternate will be looked at and will be brought up to another meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for this Voting Position

Peter Robinson served on this Committee since its inception in 2003. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor implementation of the Interlocal Agreement and to report to participating local governments, the District School Board, and the general public on the effectiveness with which the Interlocal Agreement is being implemented. The Committee meets once per year on a date and time to be determined. [Mr. Robinson](#) submitted a yearly report and agreed to do an additional term. Board Members will vote on this appointment.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Simchick moved approval of the appointment of Peter Robinson to represent the School Board on the Indian River County School Planning Citizen Oversight Committee re: Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for this Voting Position. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Appointment of a Citizen to the County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB) for this Voting Position

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board is an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee meets each year as needed. The appointment will be effective upon approval by the County Commission. On January 22, 2013, [Mr. Todd Heckman](#) was appointed by the School Board. The position is for a calendar year/tax cycle. Mr. Heckman submitted a yearly report and is interested in serving for an additional term.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the appointment of Todd Heckman to represent the School Board on the County Commission's Value Adjustment Board for this Voting Position. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of Appointment to County Commission's Value Adjustment Board (VAB), One Committee Member and One Alternate for this Voting Position

Reference: Florida State Statute 194.015. The Value Adjustment Board is an independent forum created by Florida Statute Chapter 194 to provide property owners with an opportunity to appeal their property value or denial of an exemption, classification, or tax deferral. The Committee meets each year as needed. The appointment will be effective upon approval by the County Commission. Last year Mr. Searcy was reappointed as Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick was reappointed as Alternate.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval of Mr. Searcy as the Committee Member and Mrs. Simchick as the Alternate. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Appointment as District School Board's Legislative Liaison for this Non-Voting Position

The Legislative Liaison position was established by the District School Board on 11/22/2011. This position requires extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal issues. Last year Mrs. Zorc was appointed as the District School Board's Legislative Liaison.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of Mrs. Zorc as the Legislative Liaison. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote. The Board Members commended Mrs. Zorc for the work she has done throughout the year and in preparation of this year's platform.

F. Approval of Appointment to Moonshot Community Action Network for this Non-Voting Position

The Committee is comprised of community leaders in support of the Moonshot Goal. Normally they meet once every month. Last year Mrs. Justice was appointed.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval for Mrs. Justice to remain on the Moonshot Community Action Network for this non-voting position. Mrs. Simchick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

NEW:

G. Approval of Appointment to Central Florida Public School Board Coalition

The Central Florida Public School Board Coalition meets the first or second Monday of every month in Orlando at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center. The coalition is comprised of sixteen school districts from the Central Florida area.

Chairman Frost asked if anyone was interested in this Coalition. Mrs. Justice expressed her interest in joining Central Florida Public School Board Coalition. Mrs. Zorc also expressed interest. As the Board Members discussed attendance, reporting and participation, it was decided to have Mrs. Justice represent the School District and Mrs. Zorc will be the Alternate for this non-voting position.

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval to have Mrs. Justice on the Central Florida Public School Board Coalition and Mrs. Zorc as an Alternate for this non-voting position. Chairman Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. INFORMATION

A. Staff Appointments to Indian River County Committees

Attached is a list of staff appointments to Indian River County Committees that are required by law and approved by the Superintendent for the 2018 calendar year.

B. Agnes Peebles Memorial Scholarship Committee

As per the legal Trust Agreement established in 1953, the Chairman of the School Board of Indian River County and the Principal of Vero Beach High School serve as Chairman of this scholarship committee.

C. County, School Planning, Elected Officials Oversight Committee

Membership bylaws require that the Chairman of the School Board hold this position. The Committee meets, annually, in June.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Anyone who needs a special accommodation may contact the School District's American Disabilities Act Coordinator at 564-3175 (TTY 564-2792) at least 48-hours in advance of the meeting. NOTE: Changes and amendments to the agenda can occur prior to the meeting. All business meetings will be held in the Teacher Education Center (TEC) located in the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center at 6500 – 57th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967, unless otherwise specified. Meetings may broadcast live on Comcast/Xfinity Ch. 28, AT&T Uverse Ch. 99, and the School District's website stream; and may be replayed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the time of the original meeting. For a schedule, please visit the District's website at www.indianriverschools.org/iretv. The agenda can be accessed by Internet at <http://www.indianriverschools.org>.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.