

The District School Board of Indian River County met on March 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. The Superintendent's Workshop was held in the Joe N. Idlette, Jr. 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 Shawn R. Frost, Vice Chairman Charles G. Searcy, 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.

Superintendent Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Frost at 1:00 p.m.

II. **PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP**

Mr. Frost turned over the workshop to Dr. Rendell. Dr. Rendell explained the three topics that would be covered during the workshop.

III. **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1) Urban Learning and Leadership Center Presentation – Dr. John W. Hodge and Dr. Harvey W. Perkins

Dr. Rendell introduced both Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins along with explaining their consulting firm along with some of the things that were done. Dr. Hodge took the time to provide a general overview of their company, Urban Learning and Leadership Center. Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins shared a PowerPoint presentation about their company as well. Their Mission and Vision was shared. A School Profile Report and their overall findings were provided. This was an interactive presentation. Both Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins took the time to share the information and data they have acquired while spending time at the District. They covered both academic and social cultures along with the long-term outcomes. An overview was provided to the Board.

Dr. Rendell explained to the Board that there were five schools identified and if the District moved forward with utilizing their services. This would be a starting point. The schools identified were Sebastian Elementary, Pelican Island Elementary, Dodgertown Elementary, Oslo Middle, and Gifford Middle. This was a group decision with the data that was presented. The Board Members had questions for Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins regarding the implementation and mindset. Each of the questions were addressed and answered.

A summary of their services was provided to the Board. An action plan is provided for each school and the length of time is roughly three years. There are times where

a school has excelled with the program and ULLC was only needed for a year and a half. Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins went over their background along with their staff's background. A proposal will be presented to the Board for approval at a later date. Mr. Frost thanked Dr. Hodge and Dr. Perkins for their time and presentation.

Chairman Frost called for a five-minute recess. TIME: 2:25. Reconvened at 2:32. Chairman Frost turned the workshop over to Dr. Rendell. He explained a little about what Mrs. Dampier, Dr. Torres-Martinez, and Ms. Clark were going to share with the Board with regards to Student Suspension and how this progress is achieved.

2) Review of Student Suspension Data Year to Date – Mrs. Dampier and Dr. Lillian Torres-Martinez

Mrs. Dampier shared with the Board Members what to expect during the presentation. Especially the sharing of data along with some staff members that have come to share their success stories. She then turned this over to Dr. Torres-Martinez. Dr. Torres-Martinez shared a lot of information on ODR data (Office Discipline Referrals) through a PowerPoint presentation. The discussion of Florida's PBIS was also discussed on how it is being used, its training and success. Ms. Clark assisted in reviewing the PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports). Dr. Torres-Martinez introduced each of the staff members that came to speak. Each of the below listed staff members shared how the data and the change in cultural awareness has made a difference.

Glendale Elementary – Mr. Faust, Principal and Ms. Santos, 2nd year teacher.

Sebastian Elementary – Mrs. Hart, Principal and Ms. Reyes, 2nd year teacher.

Gifford Middle School – Ms. Heppern, Assistant Principal and Ms. Houseknecht

Vero Beach High School – Mr. O'Keefe, Principal

Sebastian Middle School – Mr. Thimmer, Assistant Principal and Mr. Eberhardt

Sebastian River High School – Mr. Racine, Principal

Mrs. Justice asked if there was a student count per Behavioral Specialist. It was explained that at this time there is not. Mr. Frost did say that with the additional funding from the state, and it would be a great place to start. Dr. Torres-Martinez continued to say how this is a work in progress. Mrs. Zorc thanked staff and principals for the support that is being given to the teachers. Mrs. Dampier also wanted to thank the Board for the allocations. Also, the thanks went out to so many that have partnered with the District to make this a collaborative effort in trying to keep the students in the classroom.

Chairman Frost called for a seven-minute break before starting the last presentation. This took place at 3:46 p.m. The workshop reconvened at 3:55.

3) Proposed Board Policy Revisions – Dr. Mark Rendell

Dr. Rendell explained this was to review the proposed Board Policy Revisions. First to start was Dr. Rendell with the ones he oversees. There was a discussion on the regulation of political candidates and committees. Mrs. D'Agresta stated it would be the Chairman would oversee any public comment. There was a brief discussion on this topic. After which time, Mr. Green, Mr. Teske, and Mr. Dampier continued to cover the policies from their departments. There were some brief discussions and questions. All questions were answered.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:53 p.m.