

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The Business Meeting 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: Laura Zorc and Tiffany M. Justice. Dr. Mark J. Rendell, Superintendent of Schools; and Suzanne D’Agresta, School Board Attorney, were also present. Board Member Dale Simchick was absent. Prior to the meeting, an invocation was given by Deacon Dave Hankle, from St. Helen’s Church of Vero Beach.

### **Business Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Frost at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Chairman Frost.
- III. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost  
Chairman Frost asked, if the Board Members would like to move any of the items from Consent to Action. Mr. Searcy requested to move Consent E to Action. Mrs. Justice moved approval based on moving Consent E to Action. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. **Short Video on School Initiatives**  
Two short videos were shown. One was from this week’s Tunnel of Hope at Dodgertown Elementary and the second was on Project HELP at Indian River Memorial Hospital.
  - B. **Attendance Proclamation**  
Alicia and Anthony Stewart, Storm Grove Middle students with perfect attendance for the past five years, read an Attendance Proclamation and both were presented with certificates. Mrs. Justice moved approval of the Proclamation. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT  
Constance Peterson – Equity Report, student success, hiring process, and Desegregation Order  
Kathy Robinson – Recruitment/Retention  
Mara Schiff – Desegregation Order

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Frost called for a motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

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

1. Approval of 2018-07-31 Special Meeting – Tentative Budget/Millage Minutes
2. Approval of 2018-07-31 Special Meeting Pending Litigation Minutes
3. Approval of 2018-08-14 Superintendent’s Workshop Minutes
4. Approval of 2018-08-14 Business Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of 2018-08-14 Special Meeting for Pending Litigation Minutes

Superintendent recommends approval.

**B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr.Purcell**

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

**C. Approval of Master In-service Plan for 2018 - 2019 – Mrs. Dampier**

Pursuant to Sections 1011.22, 1012.98, and 1011.62 of the Florida Statutes and Board of Education Rule 6A-5071, each District shall develop and maintain an in-service education and training program for all employees based on an assessment of training needs in the District and local schools. The proposed Master In-service Plan includes areas of focus and a list of training/in-service dates. A copy of the entire plan is available in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. No Cost to the district.

Superintendent recommends approval.

**D. Approval of Donations – Dr. Rendell**

1. Sebastian River High School received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the McBee Bar-B-Q Corporation, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase banners, signs, decals, student tee shirts, stickers, spirit items and pins for students; for the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sebastian River High School.

Superintendent recommends approval.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

**THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM CONSENT**

**E. Approval of Renewed Contracted Services with Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) – Mrs. Dampier**

Redlands Christian Migrant Head Start provides appropriate services for identified students with disabilities ages 3 to 5, who meet the Head Start eligibility criteria. Referral services for these students are provided by the School District and Project Child Find. Renewal Contract is for the 2018-2019 school year. Certificate of Liability Insurance has been approved by Risk Management. This is an ongoing renewal contract with no additional cost to district. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion. Chairman Frost recognized Meri-de Mercado to speak to Mr. Searcy’s inquiry as to whether a 30-day advance notice of cancellation was needed. Mrs. Brooke Flood gave additional information. After discussion, Mr. Searcy amended his motion to include

the addition of a 30-day advance notice of cancellation. The amended motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

**A. Approval of the Renewal of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2018 – 2019 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 2018-2019, 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 \$525,000, with Indian River State College for the 2018-2019 school year. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Zorc moved approval. Mrs. Justice seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

**B. Approval of Work-Based Learning Experience (WBLE) for Transition Students with Disabilities 2018-2019 School Year – Mrs. Pamela Dampier**

The purpose of the contract is to create and/or expand Work-Based Learning Experience (WBLE) for transition students with disabilities. WBLE is an instructional methodology that uses the workplace or real work to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will help them connect experiences while in school to real life work activities and future career opportunities, increasing their post-school outcomes. Students participating in WBLE develop appropriate work skills, behaviors, and work tolerance needed to plan for and achieve successful employment after high school. It is essential that direct employer or community involvement be a component of the WBLE to ensure student engagement. These opportunities are meant to engage and motivate students, while augmenting the learning process. In addition, WBLE requires students to actively participate and includes an evaluation of relevant acquired skills. Through the WBLE contract with Vocational Rehabilitation the School District of Indian River County will be able to provide two full time and one part-time Employment Specialist (ES) which will be funded via a vendor reimbursement process based on individual student outcomes; there is not a required fiscal match on the part of the School District. The total budgeted amount is approximately \$255,153.00. In addition, incoming funds based on student outcomes will be used to provide necessary materials and supplies to support the program. Risk Management has approved the insurance. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost recognized Mrs. Justice, who requested that Mr. Hunt tell the Board about a specific success story through WBLE. After discussion, Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell, who asked Ms. Heather Clark, Director of ESE, to speak to Mr. Searcy's question on transportation costs. Ms. Clark asked Ms. Joann Pagano to also speak, giving further information on the program. Chairman Frost recognized Board Attorney D'Agresta to comment on whether a Surety Bond was required, which she determined was not required for this contract. Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. After discussion, Mrs. Justice amended her motion to include the updated Certificate of Insurance provided. The amended motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

**C. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners and the School District of Indian River County. – Mr. Teske**

Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969," authorizes local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities. This agreement permits "public agencies" as defined in Section 163.01(3)(b), to enter into interlocal agreements with each other to exercise jointly any power, privilege, or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately. Pursuant to Section 252.38(l)(d), Florida Statutes, during a declared state or local emergency and upon the request of the director of a local emergency management agency the School Board will make available certain school facilities for emergency shelters as well as provide the personnel to staff such shelters. Agreement attached. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Chairman Frost recognized Mr. Teske, who spoke to the number of schools utilized during a hurricane. After discussion, Chairman Frost recognized Mrs. Zorc, who stated that she might need to abstain from voting on this item due to her husband's position on the Board of County Commissioners. After conferring with the Board Attorney, she opted to abstain under Sunshine "Vote in Conflict." She stated that she would, due to her spouse's position, abstain from voting. She will provide the Board with a "Vote in Conflict" form to be attached to the minutes of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

**D. Approval of Agreement #B2-18-64 for Security Officer Services with Veterans Security Corps of America, Inc - Mr. Teske**

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of Brevard County Piggyback Bid #B2-18-64, the Operations Department is requesting approval of this agreement for a period of one year and to issue purchase orders not to exceed \$62,780.40. The contract period is August 28, 2018 through August 27, 2019. All pricing, specifications, terms, and

conditions will in accordance with Brevard County RFP#B2-18-64. Please see attached agreement. Superintendent recommends approval. Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

**E. Approval to issue Purchase Order(s)/Spend authority to Various Vendors for Recurring Expenditures - Mr. Teske**

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, the Superintendent's authority is limited to purchase commodities and/or contractual services where the total amount does not exceed \$50,000 and does not exceed the applicable appropriation in the District Budget. Since daily operations sometimes require the perpetual issuance of purchase orders that may result in single purchase orders that exceeds \$50,000, the Purchasing Department is requesting that the Board grant authority to the Superintendent to issue purchase orders that are necessary in the normal course of operations during fiscal year 2019. The vendors on the attached list are companies and/or firms that the District will procure commodities and/or contractual services from during fiscal year 2019 that are either formal bid exempt or are in accordance with a properly awarded public bid or term contract. These purchases will be recurring in nature for fiscal year 2019 and not having the authority to release these purchase orders could result in delayed service delivery to students. This list represents recurring purchases from vendors who provide products and services including but not limited to utilities, instructional equipment, existing copier leases, insurance, and the purchase of testing/instructional and copyrighted materials. All other non-recurring purchase requests that exceed \$50,000.00 will be presented to the Board on an individual basis. Staff will present quarterly reports of purchase orders issued in accordance with this agenda item. Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Chairman Frost recognized Dr. Rendell, who asked Mr. Carver to respond to the Board's questions regarding the list. Mrs. Justice withdrew her motion. After discussion, Mrs. Zorc withdrew her second. After discussion, Mrs. Justice amended her motion to approve the list until the next Board meeting, when a new list with critical needs and backup will be provided by Mr. Carver for Board approval. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. The amended motion carried with a 3-1 vote, with Mr. Searcy voting Nay.

**F. Approval of Annual Equity Report for 2017-2018– Dr. Rendell**

Approval is requested for the *Annual Equity Report* for 2017-2018 that will be submitted to the Department of Education. Superintendent recommends approval. Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. Mr. Searcy requested that Dr. Rendell attach an addendum to the report with data showing our student success. The motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

## CITIZEN INPUT – Merchon Green

### G. Ratification of the Joint Plan for Achieving Unitary Status – Dr. Rendell

Over the past several months, representatives of the Indian River County Branch of the NAACP and representatives of the School Board worked collaboratively to negotiate a Joint Plan for achieving full unitary status in the matter styled *Sharpton, et al. v. School Board of Indian River County, FL*, No. 1:64-cv-00721 (S.D. Fla.). As a result of this work, the parties agreed the District has already achieved unitary status in the areas of facilities, non-instructional staff, and administrative staff. The parties agreed to create an Equity Committee to monitor compliance with the balance of the Joint Plan for a period of three (3) years. If at the end of the three (3) year period the District is in compliance with the remaining requirements, the parties agreed the District will be entitled to a declaration of full unitary status in all areas. The School Board is requested to ratify the Joint Plan.

Superintendent recommends approval.

Chairman Frost called for a Motion. Mrs. Justice moved approval. Mrs. Zorc seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell invited the public to the next Tunnel of Hope at Vero Beach Elementary School on October 22, at 9:00 a.m.

### IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

### X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mrs. Zorc – Attended the presentation at Vero Beach High School for teachers by Kim Bearden of Atlanta, attended the Tunnel of HOPE at Dodgertown, and invited anyone that has questions to contact her or any other Board member.

Mr. Searcy – Questioned who follows up on School Safety Inspection Reports. Mr. Teske responded that safety issues are addressed immediately and a process is in place to prioritize.

Mrs. Justice – United Way Day of Caring is on September 8. Invited the public to volunteer. The Kick off breakfast is at First Presbyterian Church. The District will be assembling homeless care kits at Vero Beach High School Freshman Center for the Day of Caring. Invited the public to the opening of the Early Bird Classroom at Dodgertown Elementary (3-year old classroom) funded by the Early Learning Coalition.

- XI. INFORMATION AGENDA  
No information items
- XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Frost  
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the School Board business meeting is and shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen to and for the benefit of the School Board pursuant to Resolution #2015-08. The views and beliefs expressed by the Invocation Speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the School Board and do not necessarily represent their individual religious beliefs, nor are the views or beliefs expressed intended to express allegiance to or preference for any particular religion, denomination, faith, creed, or belief by the School Board. No person in attendance at this meeting is or shall be required to participate in any invocation and such decision whether or not to participate will have no impact on his or her right to actively participate in the public meeting.

Anyone who needs a special accommodation to participate in these meetings may contact the School District's American Disabilities Act Coordinator at 564-3175 (TTY 564-2792) at least 48-hours in before the meeting. NOTE: Changes and amendments to the agenda can occur 72-hours prior to the meeting. All business meetings will be held in the Joe N. Idlette, Jr. 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](http://www.indianriverschools.org/iretv). The agenda can be accessed by Internet at <http://www.indianriverschools.org>.





**APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)**

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

**DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST**

I, Laura Zorc, hereby disclose that on August 28, 20 18:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, Spouse \_\_\_\_\_;
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I chose to abstain from the vote because of a possible perception of a conflict of interest. Ref: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners and the School District of Indian River County.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

9/25/18  
Date Filed

Laura Zorc  
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.