

The District School Board of Indian River County met on August 23, 2016, 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 Dale Simchick, Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, Claudia Jiménez, and Charles G. Searcy. 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 Father Michael Goldberg, Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairman Simchick called for a moment of silence for the Families of Wilson, Gamez, and McGriff for their losses. Chairman Simchick announced that Ms. Jiménez was attending by telephone.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Frost.
- IV. ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wanted to move from Consent for discussion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the Orders of the Day moving Consent B Items 13 and 16, and specifically-referenced pages under: Consent C; Consent G, Consent H, Consent I, and Consent K. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- V. PRESENTATIONS
A. American Founders’ Month Proclamation, September 2016
Ace SAGRANADA, a 5th Grade Student at Pelican Island Elementary School, read the Proclamation. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the American Founders’ Month Proclamation. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.
- VI. CITIZEN INPUT
No one requested to speak.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Consent Agenda moving Consent B Items 13 and 16, Consent C, Consent G, Consent H, Consent I,

and Consent K. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Special Business Meeting held 8/2/2016
 2. Business Meeting held 8/9/2016
- Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

(Items 13 and 16 were moved.) Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Request to Write-off Uncollectible Checks to School Internal Accounts – Mr. Morrison

Moved

D. Approval of District School Board of Indian River County's Emergency Management Plan- Mr. Morrison

Pursuant to Florida Statute §1006.07(4) and School Board Policy 8405, the Superintendent hereby presented for Board approval the District's updated Emergency Management Plan. Per Board Policy 8405, all meetings with external stakeholders and end-users to obtain input in crafting the plan had been completed and further revisions were now incorporated into the document. In accordance with Florida Statute §119.071(3), this document was exempt from public records. Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Student Transfer from Indian River County for 2016-2017 School Year– Ms. Dampier

This was a request to attend school in St. Lucie County from Indian River County. All necessary documents had been received. Superintendent recommended approval.

F. Approval of Student Admission to Indian River County for 2016-2017 School Year– Ms. Dampier

This was a request to attend school in Indian River County from Brevard County. All necessary documents had been received. Superintendent recommended approval.

G. Approval of Contract with Fuel Education, Virtual Instructional Program for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Moved.

H. Approval of Contract with Florida Virtual School, Virtual Instructional Program for 2016–2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Moved.

I. Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2016-17 – Mrs. Dampier

Moved.

J. Approval of Oslo Middle and Storm Grove Middle Schools' Orchestra Trip to Colorado – Mrs. Dampier

Principals, Beth Hofer and Tosha Jones, requested approval for Oslo and Storm Grove Middle Schools' Chamber Orchestra students to perform in the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado, on March 21-26, 2017. All necessary insurance had been provided to Risk Management. There was no cost to the District. Superintendent recommended approval.

K. Approval of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant – Mrs. Dampier
Moved.

Consent Items Moved for Discussion:

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

(Items 13 and 16 only.) Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell and Dr. Fritz answered questions from the Board regarding items numbered 13 and 16 on the list of personnel items. Mr. McCain moved approval of items 13 and 16 of the personnel list. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Rendell publically recognized Nicholas Westenberger, newly appointed Director of Facilities.

C. Approval of Request to Write-off Uncollectible Checks to School Internal Accounts – Mr. Morrison

The Superintendent recommended approval to write-off, as uncollectible, checks received by schools that had been dishonored by the maker's bank and returned as unpaid. Attached was a list of checks paid to the Schools' Internal Accounts that remain uncollected for the calendar year ended December 31, 2015. To date, all attempts to recover the money, both by staff members and the District's check recovery program, had been unsuccessful. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Morrison responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the request to write-off uncollectible checks from the School Internal Accounts. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

G. Approval of Contract with Fuel Education, Virtual Instructional Program for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Pursuant to F.S. 1002.45, the School District of Indian River County was required to offer three, virtual school options for District students to utilize. This contract would allow the School District to utilize Fuel Education as an option in the Virtual Instruction Program. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with Fuel Education to provide 180-day comprehensive, fulltime and part-time programs. These programs were fully accredited and aligned to the Florida State Standards. Instruction was delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. The fee per student was \$4,295.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Arnett and Dr. Rendell answered questions from the Board. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the contract with Fuel Education, Virtual Instructional Program for 2016-2017, with the amendment to the contract to be effective upon Board approval on August 23, 2016. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

H. Approval of Contract with Florida Virtual School, Virtual Instructional Program for 2016–2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Pursuant to F.S. 1002.45, the School District of Indian River County was required to offer three, virtual school options for District students to utilize. This contract would allow the School District to utilize Florida Virtual School as an option in the Virtual Instruction Program. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with a fourth provider, Florida Virtual School, to provide 180-day comprehensive full-time and part-time programs. These programs were fully accredited and aligned to the Florida State Standards. Instruction was delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. The fee per student was \$5,200.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Arnett answered questions. Mr. Searcy moved approval of the contract with Florida virtual School, virtual Instructional Program for 2016-2017. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Chairman suggested that direction be given to all staff that all future contracts contained standard language that the contract would be effective upon Board approval. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

I. Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2016-17 – Mrs. Dampier

The Dual Enrollment Agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Indian River State College allowed the enrollment of high school students into dual enrollment courses for the school year 2016-2017, in accordance with section 1007.271, F.S. This agreement allowed 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 Senate Bill 1514, 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 was \$71.98 per credit hour or \$2.33 per vocational clock hour. Estimated cost to the District was \$350,000, with Indian River State College for the 2016-2017 school year. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Arnett answered questions from the Board. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College for 2016-2017. Mr. Frost seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

K. Approval of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant – Mrs. Dampier

The School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) was awarded a competitive five-year, 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in 2015-2016 for Sebastian Elementary and Treasure Coast Elementary. The District would receive \$241,380.00 in year two of the grant cycle (2016-2017). The program was implemented in partnership with The Learning Alliance, Substance Council of Indian River, Indian River County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Children's Theater, and other community agencies. The purpose of the centers was to provide opportunities for academic enrichment that included supplemental instruction to support students in attaining increased skills in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science; offer students a broad array of supplemental services, programs, and personal enrichment activities that were designed to reinforce and compliment the regular academic program; and provide adult family members of regular participating students extended opportunities for literacy and related educational and personal development. To accomplish these purposes, 21st CCLC Grant would provide a range of high-quality, problem/project based, diverse services that supported student learning and development. The 21st CCLC Program would also provide opportunities for literacy and educational development to the adult family members of students served by 21st CCLC programs.

The \$241,380.00 allocation would support School District efforts and strategies to improve outcomes related to student performance and the “Moonshot” Moment Goal to have 90% of all students reading on grade level by third grade. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell answered questions from the Board. He said that in the future, the District could provide scores received by students before entering the program and scores after the students completed the program, in order to determine whether or not the program was successful. Mr. McCain moved approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion. Board Member spoke on the grant. The motion carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval of English Language Learner (ELL) Plan for 2016-2019 – Mrs. Dampier

Each School District was required to submit a District English Language Learner (ELL) Plan to the Florida Department of Education. The District ELL Plan described the District’s proposed procedures and methodologies for serving students in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program. The School District’s ELL Plan would be updated and resubmitted every three (3) years to the Florida Department of Education. Interim changes in the Plan could be submitted as amendments to the Florida Department of Education if needed. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Frost moved approval of the English Language Learner (ELL) Plan for 2016-2019. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mrs. Malits stated that there were 897 students currently being served in the District. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

B. Approval of Certified Nursing Clinical Contract with Pelican Landing for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Certified Nursing Assistant training required that each student participate in a 20-hour clinical prior to taking the Certified Nursing Assistant Exam. This agreement between the School District of Indian River County and Pelican Landing enabled students to participate in that clinical internship. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with Pelican Landing to provide students with the opportunity to complete their clinical experience. Instruction and supervision was delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. There was no cost to the School District for the clinical internship. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the Certified Nursing Clinical contract with Pelican Landing for 2016-2017. Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Agresta suggested that Risk Management Department verify the insurance document, as to the relationship of the named insured. Mr. Frost amended his motion to approve the contract pending verification of insurance. Mr. McCain accepted the amendment. Dr. Fritz said that he would ensure that Risk Management verified the named insured on the certificate of insurance. Dr. Rendell, responding to a statement from the Board, said that they would change the process regarding the contract starting dates to be effective upon the last date signed by the parties involved. He also stated that the process for insurance certification would be reviewed. If a statement needed to be included in the backup to verify that the insurance was vetted, they would do that. Chairman Simchick noted that the School District appreciated the opportunity for students to be able to complete their clinical experiences at Pelican Landing. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

C. Approval of Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits for Vero Beach Elementary School – Mrs. Dampier

Leveled Literacy Intervention was a supplementary instructional system designed to reduce the gap between struggling students' current instructional reading levels and their expected instructional reading levels within grades K–2. The program was developed by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, and published by Heinemann. The LLI system included reading, writing, and word study. Each would be used together and systematically in connection with increasingly difficult levels of text. LLI served the lowest-achieving students who needed intensive support to achieve grade-level competency. Student were not receiving another supplementary intervention. Vero Beach Elementary School planned to use this in connection with other research-based programs during their extra hour of intensive literacy instruction. The cost of the plan was \$55,587.60 for two kits per grade level for K-5. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits for Vero Beach Elementary School and Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell answered question from the Board. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

D. Approval of I-Ready Software for Reading and Math for Grades K-12 for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

I-Ready was a computer-based program that would be used to support reading and math for grades K-5. I-Ready diagnostic assessed student performance across the key domains in reading and math, provided a valid and reliable measure of student growth with detailed diagnostic results and individualized next steps for instruction. Based on the diagnostic results, students were automatically placed into standards-based, on-line instruction modules customized to their placement levels. The assessment results allowed teachers to apply specific lessons from the Ready Florida LAFS and MAFS, maximizing the power of differentiation based on the data from the assessments. I-Ready would help teachers to identify gaps in student learning spanning back multiple years or to determine where students were ready for further acceleration. Teachers were provided with a range of targeted lessons to use in a variety of ways in the classroom. I-Ready assessments would replace DIBELS, FAIR, SAT 10, and AimsWEB from the District's assessment calendar for grades K-5. The cost to the School District was \$249,560.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the I-Ready software for reading and math for grades K-12 for 2016-0217. Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Dr. Rendell and Mrs. Dampier asked questions from the Board. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Contract with Connections Learning Virtual Instructional Program for 2016–2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Pursuant to F.S. 1002.45, the School District of Indian River County was required to offer three, virtual school options for District students to utilize. This contract would allow the School District to utilize Florida Virtual School as an option in the Virtual Instruction Program. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract for a fourth provider, Florida Virtual School, to provide 180-day comprehensive fulltime and part-time programs. These programs were fully accredited and aligned to the Florida State Standards. Instruction was delivered by fully-certified Florida teachers. The fee per student was \$3,750.00. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. Frost moved approval of the contract with Connections Learning Virtual Instructional Program for 2016-2017. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.

F. Approval to Authorize ConEdison Solutions (DBA as BGA, Inc.) and Florida Power & Light Energy Services (FP&L) to Conduct Feasibility Studies for Possible Phase II Implementation of Performance Contracting Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's)- Mr. Morrison

Pursuant to Exhibit A of the Master Services Agreement for Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Services approved by the School Board on July 22, 2014, the Superintendent recommended approval to authorize ConEdison Solutions and Florida Power & Light Energy Services (FP&L) to conduct feasibility studies to obtain information relative to a possible Phase II implementation of Performance Contracting Energy Conservation Methods (ECM's). Pursuant to Exhibit B of the Master Service Agreement, there was no cost to the District for the feasibility studies. However, should the Board elect to proceed to a full implementation of the energy conservation methods proposed in the feasibility studies, then the cost of the studies would be included in any subsequent cash flow analysis and financing costs. It was estimated that the feasibility studies cost would total approximately \$233,500 that included approximately \$90,000 for the ConEdison Solutions (DBA BGA, Inc.) and \$143,500 for Florida Power & Light (FP&L). Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to authorize ConEdison Solutions (DBA as BGA, Inc.) and Florida Power & Light Energy Services (FP&L) to conduct Feasibility Studies for possible Phase II implementation of Performance Contracting Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's). Mr. Frost seconded the motion. Board Member spoke to the public. Mr. Morrison explained the cost savings guarantee. He said that natural gas would be included in the study. Representative from FP&L and ConEdison confirmed that natural gas would be included in the study. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 5-0 vote.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell stated that day ten of school resulted in a great start to the school year. He congratulated the smooth opening and the great job performance of the Transportation Department. Dr. Rendell reported that he visited all of the schools and they were all off to a great start.

X. DISCUSSION

No discussion items

XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Ms. Jiménez welcomed everyone back to school.

Mr. Searcy asked about the total number of students who attended. Dr. Rendell said that today was day ten. Not having the final number, he said that there were approximately 17,000 students.

Mr. Frost thanked the Board for recognizing American Founders' Month.

Chairman Simchick asked that everyone be cautious while driving, with students walking and waiting for school buses. She thanked staff at the School District for their work in preparing for the first day of school. Chairman Simchick noted that her child was upset with the early start but that lasted only the first day.

XII. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Months Ending April 2016 and May 2016 -- Mr. Morrison

Attached were the Financial Reports for the months ending April 30, 2016, and May 31, 2016.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

No closing remarks

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.