

The District School Board of Indian River County met on October 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The 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 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. Vice Chairman Shawn R. Frost was not present. Prior to the meeting, a moment of silence was given by Chairman Simchick.

Business Meeting Minutes

- I. Business meeting was called to order by Chairman Simchick.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Presentation of Colors by Vero Beach High School’s Air Force Junior ROTC Detachment 043 under the Direction of Wade E. Dues, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired), Aerospace USAF Science Instructor.
- III. **ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**
Chairman Simchick asked Board Members if they had any items they wished to move from the Consent Agenda. Dr. Rendell requested to remove Action E and Presentation C and to add Consent E. Approval of out of County Student Admission. Mr. McCain moved the adoption of the Orders of the Day adding Consent E and removing Presentation C and Action E. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Presentation to District School Board Members, Mr. McCain and Ms. Jiménez**
Plaques were presented to Board Members in recognition of their services to the School District of Indian River County. Ms. Jiménez spoke, briefly, regarding service to students and encouraged the community to stay involved and to run for office.
 - B. North Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross – CEO Ms. Ruwe**
Mr. Fidgeon introduced Ms. Ruwe, Executive Director of the Florida Coast Hartland Chapter of the American Red Cross. She thanked the School Board and Staff for their assistance during Hurricane Matthew. They opened four shelters with the help of the Principals and their Staff. Vero Beach High School Freshman Learning Center had 360 residents, Liberty Magnet (pet shelter) had 145 residents, with animals, Oslo Middle School had 249 residents, and Sebastian River Middle School had 445 residents for a total of 1,199 residents who were safe from the winds. They also thanked the District for offering the District Nurses, who volunteered at the shelters because Red Cross did not have the required nurses.

The School District also allowed Red Cross the use of the warehouse for hurricane preparations. Dr. Rendell noted that Treasure Coast Elementary was utilized as a special needs shelter that was operated by the Indian River County Health Department.

C. Community Schools – Mrs. Dampier

Removed

D. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Merit Scholar designees were selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The semifinalists from Indian River County School District were:

David Green, Sebastian River High School
Mark Green, Sebastian River High School
Jessica Howell, Sebastian River High School
From Vero Beach High School:
Nicola Bouldin, Vero Beach High School
Emily McCain, Vero Beach High School
Jacob Hoekzema, Vero Beach High School
Hanna Nuttall, Vero Beach High School
Joshua Tucker, Vero Beach High School
Sarah Weyand, Vero Beach High School

E. Musical Rendition by Vero Beach High School Sinfonia

In honor of Mr. McCain and Ms. Jiménez, Students from Vero Beach High School Sinfonia performed under the watchful eyes of Matthew Stott, Orchestra Teacher.

F. Short Video on School Initiatives

The video featured Jarez Parks, a Sebastian River High School Senior, who was chosen to play in the US Army's *All American Bowl*.

V. CITIZEN INPUT

No requests to speak were received.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Searcy requested to change the motion for the Orders of the Day by moving Consent C for discussion. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote. Chairman Simchick called for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Ms. Jiménez moved approval of the Consent Agenda, moving Consent C for discussion, and Mr. Searcy seconded the motion. Ms. Jiménez highlighted Consent D regarding the \$120,000 grant for School Improvement Initiatives. The motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

A. Approval of Minutes – Dr. Rendell

1. Discussion Session held 10/11/2016
 2. Business Meeting held 10/11/2016
- Superintendent recommended approval.

B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations – Dr. Fritz

Attached was a list of personnel recommendations that included personnel additions, terminations, and/or changes. Superintendent recommended approval.

C. Approval of Renewal Contract with ACTS Retirement Communities, Inc., for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Moved

D. Approval of Title I School Improvement Initiative 1003(a) Grant for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

The funding purpose and priority of the school improvement initiative grant, SIG 1003 (a), was to implement supplemental programs, activities, or strategies that specifically addressed improving the academic achievement of students. The District's apportioned share of the Title I School Improvement Initiative SIG 1003(a) entitlement allocation was \$120,368.00. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) based calculations was for 2016-2017 SIG 1003(a) funding on 2013-2014 school grade data. Schools classified by FDOE as priority and focus status, according to 2013-14 school grades, were eligible for 2016-2017 SIG funds. Three District schools, Dodgertown Elementary, Indian River Academy, and Pelican Island Elementary, were eligible to receive the SIG funds. The funds must be used to supplement other State and local funds and Title I Part A, funds. The SIG strategies and activities were aligned to each school's School Improvement Plan and the FDOE Differentiated Accountability (DA) strategies. SIG funds would enhance the District's efforts to improve student achievement through school improvement initiatives. Superintendent recommended approval.

E. Approval of Student Admission for 2016-2017 School Year – Ms. Dampier

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

Items moved from Consent Agenda:

C. Approval of Renewal Contract with ACTS Retirement Communities, Inc., for 2016-2017 – Mrs. Dampier

Certified Nursing Assistant training required that each student participate in a 40-hour clinical prior to taking the Certified Nursing Assistant Exam. This agreement between the School District of Indian River County and ACTS Retirement Services, Inc., d/b/a Indian River Estates, enabled students to participate in a clinical internship. The Curriculum and Instruction Department recommended approval of a contract with ACTS Retirement Services, Inc., d/b/a Indian River Estates, 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. The contract had been reviewed by the Board Attorney and approved. The Certificate of Insurance had been reviewed by Risk Management and approved. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Searcy asked about the School District's responsibility to provide qualified instructors and/ a certified teacher. Dr. Rendell stated that in order to teach the program the instructor had to be a licensed nurse (LPN) or registered nurses (RN). Chairman called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the renewal contract with ACTS Retirement Communities, Inc., for 2016-2017. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Approval to Piggyback Bid PEPPM National Cooperative Contracts Bid to Purchase Wireless Access Points from Maxis360 - Mr. Green

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, the Superintendent's authority was limited to purchase commodities and/or contractual services where the total amount did not exceed \$50,000. This request was to grant the authority for the Superintendent to issue purchase orders as per the terms listed below. Maxis360 would provide the District with Wireless Access Points to be installed at various schools throughout the District. This purchase would allow for the expansion of wireless coverage in areas where the coverage was known to be weak or lacking. The cost impact to the District was \$165,437.50. This purchase would be funded through the 0.6 voter approved millage. Superintendent recommended approval.

Mr. Green thanked the community for supporting the schools through technology. He said that the District now had 176 one-to-one classrooms. This was Phase IV of the four-year millage. Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jiménez moved approval to piggyback bid PEPPM National Cooperative Contracts Bid to purchase wireless access points from Maxis360. Mr. McCain seconded the motion and it carried unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 4-0 vote.

B. Approval of Revised Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Agreement Template – Mr. Morrison

Approval was requested for the changes/revisions to the District's Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Agreement. The proposed changes were being recommended based on the results of Attestation Reports, consultations with the Auditor, consultations with the School Board's Attorney, and industry best practice. The proposed changes were summarized on the memorandum attached to this agenda item and the revised Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Agreement was attached that detailed the changes and revisions. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the revised Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Agreement template. Mr. Searcy seconded the motion. Board Member asked questions. Mr. Morrison spoke to the question regarding industry standards and past issues with overpayments. The Board voted unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval of Construction Management at Risk Contract with Proctor Construction Company for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl Phased Renovations (SDIRC #04-0-2017JC) – Mr. Morrison

Approval was recommended for the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Contract between the School Board of Indian River County and Proctor Construction Company for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl Phased Renovations (SDIRC #04-0-2017JC). This project would consist of removal of existing restrooms, reconstruction of new ADA compliant restrooms, removal of existing home locker room, reconstruction of new ADA compliant home locker room, construction of new visitor locker room beneath bleachers similar to home locker room, and removal of visitors' locker room portables. The Design Phase Fee in the amount of \$65,000.00 and the Overhead & Profit fee of 4.25% were negotiated between the Contractor and the District on September 22, 2016. Upon Board approval of this contract, the Contractor and the District would begin to establish and negotiate a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project. The final GMP would be submitted for approval at a future Board Meeting. Superintendent recommended approval.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Ms. Jimenez moved approval of the Construction Management at Risk Contract with Proctor Construction Company for the Vero Beach High School Citrus Bowl Phased Renovations (SDIRC #04-0-2017JC). Mr. McCain seconded the motion. Board Member asked questions. In answer, Mr. Morrison said that they would break out the additional expenses GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) and bring it back to the Board for approval. He said that the decision to go with a CMAR versus a hard bid depended upon the situation. This decision today was driven by the timeline. The Board voted in favor of the motion with a 3-1 vote. Mr. McCain, Ms. Jimenez, and Chairman Simchick voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Searcy voted against the motion.

D. Approval to Establish Medical Insurance Premiums and Board Contributions for Non-Represented Employees and Retirees – Dr. Fritz

Approval would establish health insurance premiums and Board contributions for non-represented employees as well as pre-65 retirees. Approval also established rates for post-65 retirees. Rates would take effect on November 1, 2016. The Medicare eligible retiree rate may be amended later in the plan year, if needed. Superintendent recommended approval.

Dr. Rendell stated that over the last several years the District did not collect enough in premiums to cover the cost of providing the self-insured employee health insurance program. He said that as a result, the District had been operating in a deficit. The School Board directed that the deficit not be passed on to employees. Consequently, the School District covered the deficit of the Safe Harbor Reserve (equal to 60-days of operating expenses-\$3 million) and the current deficit of \$3.9 million from the general fund reserves to cover both deficits. Dr. Rendell stated that overall the increase in premiums was 32%; however, individual rates per plan may be higher. These rate increases were for the non-bargaining group, as the District was currently in negotiations with the two bargaining groups. Dr. Fritz stated that these rates were the exact same rates that were on the table for both unions. He was concerned with any delay in negotiating the rates because the delay would result in an increase to their monthly premiums to makeup the past premiums due.

Chairman Simchick called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval to establish medical insurance premiums and Board contributions for non-represented employees and retirees as presented. Ms. Jimenez seconded the motion. Board Members spoke to the increase in premiums. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with a 4-0 vote.

E. Approval of Contract with Certified Nursing Clinical Contract with Palm Garden for 2016-2017 School Year – Mrs. Dampier

Removed from the Agenda.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rendell thanked Mr. McCain and Ms. Jimenez for their selfless service to the School District. As a new Superintendent, he thanked them for helping him learn the ropes. Dr. Rendell said that he knew that all of the decisions that they made over the past eight years were for the benefit of children.

IX. DISCUSSION

No discussion items.

X. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Mr. Searcy congratulated Dr. Rendell on his daughter's recent appointment as the President of the Junior National Honor Society at Storm Grove Middle School.

Mr. McCain thanked everyone for their kind words. He briefly reviewed some of the hurdles that they had to address as Board Members such as the \$10 million holdback, another \$8 million, and another \$10 million hit. Glad that we were able to get through it as a District. He thanked staff for their professionalism during that time and over the past eight years. Mr. McCain mentioned how he enjoyed working with Dr. Rendell and the past Superintendents; and the assistance he received from the Board's Executive Assistant, Ms. Judy Stang.

Ms. Jimenez thanked former Board Members, as well as Dr. Rendell and Mrs. D'Agresta, for their assistance. She mentioned the workshop held earlier in the day and the turnaround meeting she attended for Pelican Island. Ms. Jimenez said that the District was moving in a great direction. She thanked everyone, including the present Board Members, and including Mr. Searcy that she agreed with more often than disagreed with.

Chairman Simchick said that she enjoyed working with both Mr. McCain and Ms. Jimenez. She said that this Board had worked together well which makes good government. Chairman Simchick announced that this would be her last day as Chairman. She said that change was always positive. Chairman Simchick thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chairman and wished the two Board Members leaving best wishes and asked them to stay in touch.

XI. INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Financial Report for Month Ending August 2016 - Mr. Morrison

Attached were the Financial Reports for the month ending August 31, 2016.

B. Recurring Vendor First Quarter Report of Released Purchase Orders - Mr. Morrison

Pursuant to Action Agenda Item E., Business Meeting held June 28, 2016, staff, hereby, presented the first quarter, fiscal year 2016-17 Report of Released Purchase Orders for all vendors included on the Recurring Vendor List. This report was updated on a perpetual basis and ensured that previously approved expenditure amounts were not exceeded. Attached was backup. Superintendent recommended approval.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S CLOSING

Dr. Rendell reminded the Board that there was an executive meeting immediately following the Board Meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Simchick

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.